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Fighting Continues In Ruthenia

Prague, To-day.

Although Hungary claims to have occupied the entire territory of Carpatho-Ukraine, reports from private sources say that fighting is still going on in various parts of the country.

Dimitri Klempusz, commander-in-chief of the Carpatho-Ukraine military organisation, and his brother, Ivan, are reported to have been killed in an engagement near Chust.

General Petriu is also reported to have been killed. — Trans-Ocean.

COMPULSORY SERVICE NOT YET NECESSARY

London, To-day.

The British Government has not decided to introduce general compulsory military service, stated Sir Samuel Hoare, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, adding that in the view of the Government, compulsory service was not necessary under present circumstances.

The sole Communist member of the House of Commons, Mr. H. Gallagher, interjected: "Before you get compulsory military service, you must get rid of the Prime Minister!" — Trans-Ocean.

CZECH ARMY DISBANDMENT

Prague, To-day.

Disbandment of the Czech Army is to be carried out by Saturday in accordance with an edict issued here last evening.

Czech soldiers released from the Colours are making their way home in large numbers.

The instructions of the German military authorities are being carried out in exemplary manner. — Trans-Ocean.

Trans-Ocean says that a trade agreement between Germany and Rumania was signed yesterday.

Memel Agreement Concluded

Berlin, To-day.

The agreement on Memel was signed by the Nazi and Lithuanian Foreign Ministers last night. The agreement reads: "Germany and Lithuania have resolved to arrange for reincorporation of Memel into the Reich by means of a state treaty which will settle outstanding issues between the two countries and thus pave the way for friendly shaping of relations."

"Article I, Memel territory 1,000 Memel troops, whose places would now be taken by Lithuanians. — Trans-Ocean.

"Article II, Memel shall be immediately evacuated by Lithuanian military and police forces. The Lithuanian Government shall undertake to see that evacuation takes place in an orderly manner. Both parties shall, if necessary, appoint commissioners to carry out the transfer of administrative offices not in the hands of the autonomous authorities of Memel.

"Other questions relating to transfer of sovereignty, especially economic and financial matters, shall be dealt with in a special agreement.

Article III, in order to meet Lithuanian economic requirements, a free harbour zone shall be established in Memel for Lithuania.

NON-AGGRESSION CLAUSE

"Article IV, for the purpose of reinforcing their resolve to assure the friendly development of relations between Germany and Lithuania, both partners to the agreement undertake to refrain from having recourse to force, or to support the use of force by a third party against one of the two partners to the agreement.

"Article V, this agreement comes into force on signature." — Trans-Ocean.

LITHUANIAN "NAVY" LEAVES MEMEL

Memel, To-day.

The only ship of the Lithuanian Navy, the minesweeper President Smetana, left Memel harbour yesterday at noon, steaming northwards. — Trans-Ocean.

NOT A MOBILISATION

Kyiv, To-day.

The calling up of various classes of reservists is in no sense a mobilisation, announced the Lithuanian press service last night. The step was made necessary by the dismissal of about

COMPLETE ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT

Paris, To-day.

The first conference between the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, which took place last night revealed complete accord between the two Governments it is stated here.

The chief topic discussed is the desire of closer relations between France, Britain, the Soviet Union and the Balkan States in order to offer a solid front of resistance to possible German aggression against Rumania. It is declared that negotiations have been undertaken with Yugoslavia and Turkey although the outcome has not yet been revealed. — Trans-Ocean.

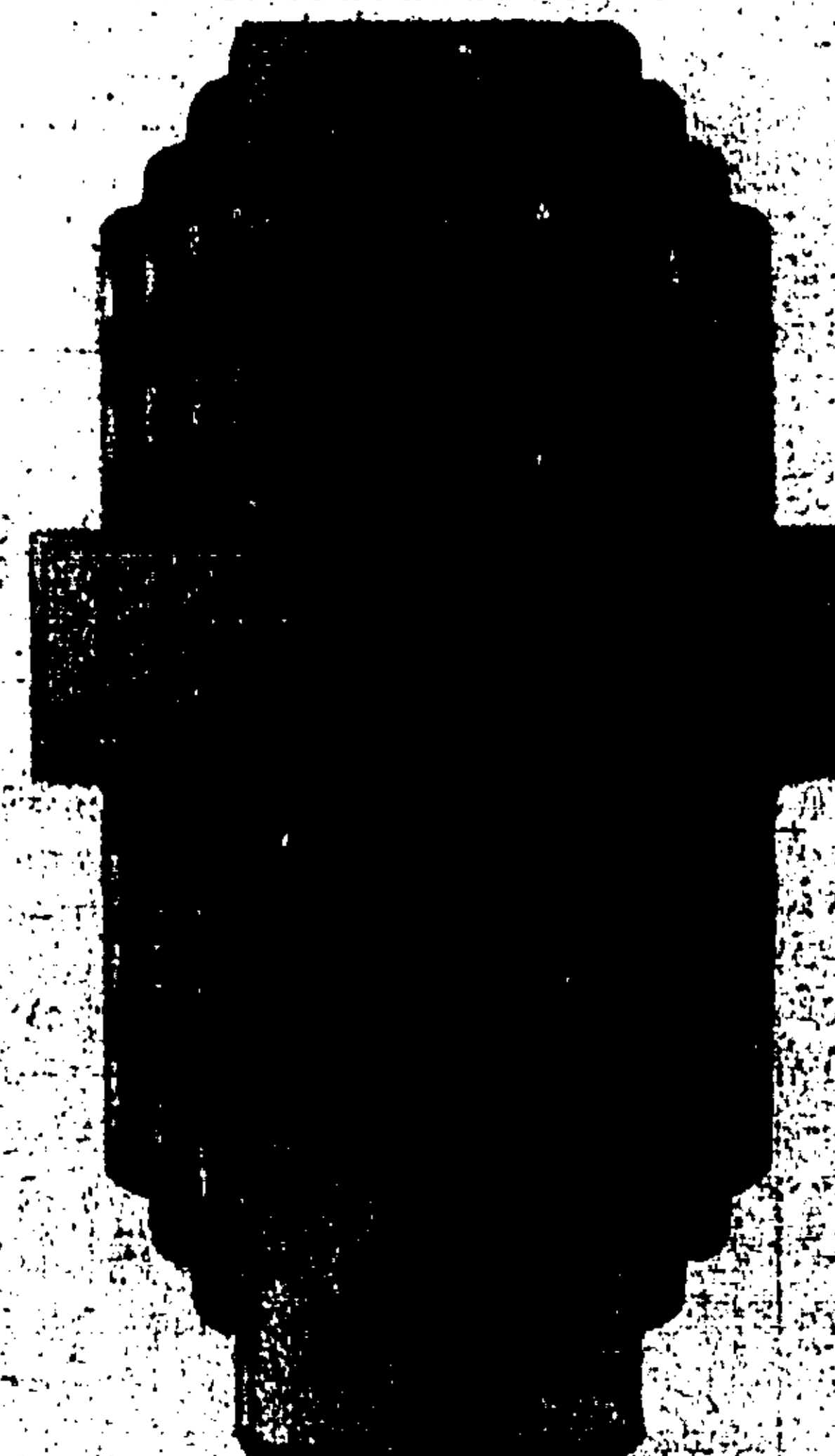
BIG DAMASCUS DEMONSTRATIONS

Cairo, To-day.

A great demonstration in Damascus which began yesterday at eleven o'clock, in which large numbers participated, assumed a serious aspect, according to despatches received here, which add that troops endeavoured to disperse the de-

monstrants with the result that clashes occurred in several parts of the city.

Owing to the interruption of telephonic communication, no exact information concerning the development of the situation is available. — Trans-Ocean.



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EUROPE WAITING ON IL DUCE

Speculation Rife On Sunday Speech

CURRENCY RACKET IN EARNST

Peiping, To-day.
Every Chinese entering the Legation Quarter yesterday was searched for national currency, and a number of poor Chinese carrying small sums had them confiscated.—Reuter.

ROYAL VISIT TO UNITED STATES: PLANS COMPLETED

London, To-day.
The broad outlines of Their Majesties' visit to the United States have been completed with the exception of the New York programme, Reuter learns.

Although it has been fixed that Their Majesties will spend some time in New York City, details of the duration of their stay there and how much they will see, have been attended by several complications.

A train of 12 coaches is being put at Their Majesties' disposal for the duration of their stay.—Reuter.

JAPAN STILL HOPEFUL OF SETTLEMENT WITH SOVIET

Moscow, To-day.
Mr. Togo, the Japanese Ambassador, yesterday had his 20th interview with the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinoff, regarding the fisheries dispute.

Although no progress is reported, Japanese circles profess to feel optimistic over an eventual settlement.

Mr. Togo stated that Japan would participate in the auctions at Vladivostok on April 3 provided the Soviet offered certain guarantees, the nature of which at present is unknown.—Reuter.

TIN QUOTA FIXED AT 40 PER CENT.

London, To-day.
The International Tin Committee has fixed the quota for the second quarter at 40 per cent. of standard tonnages.

Arrangements have been made for liquidation of existing over-exports. Next meeting of the Committee will be on April 27 at The Hague.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
Speculations as to whether Mussolini will formulate colonial claims next Sunday, when he is due to make a speech to Italy, are rife.

Some circles maintain that the time is propitious but in well-informed quarters Reuter understands it is believed the Duce will state Italy's claims in firm but balanced language.

It is not thought that the Duce, with his strong sense of realities, will present anything in the nature of an ultimatum to France, nor that he will make his demands in such a form as to preclude possibility of an agreed settlement.

ALL POSSIBILITIES
London, To-day.
The consultations which are proceeding between the British and other governments, were mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday in a reply by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare.

Sir Samuel made it clear that all possibilities were being considered.—British Wireless.
It is known that certain circles in France are anxious to discuss matters with the Duce, and rumours are many concerning personages who are thought to be the bearers of messages between the two Governments.

Meanwhile no reply has yet been received from the Soviet and Polish Governments to the British proposal for a four-power declaration by Britain, France, Russia and Poland taking a common line in the event of a further coup by Germany.

DRAFTED ON MONDAY
The declaration was only drafted on Monday, and therefore replies from all the governments concerned, with suggested amendments, can scarcely be expected for a few days.

The delicacy of the Polish position is fully appreciated in London, where it is hoped that Warsaw's objections may be met.
It is understood that the proposed declaration is an undertaking to consult immediately on any threat by Germany to disturb the international position, also that it should be regarded as a preliminary measure to which more concrete form may be given later when the powers concerned have had time to elaborate practical details.—Reuter.

BONNET IN LONDON CONFERENCE

London, To-day.
The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, conferred on the international situation for an hour and a half with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at the House of Commons last evening.—Reuter.

ITALO-JAPANESE CULTURAL PACT

Tokyo, To-day.
The cultural agreement between Japan and Italy was approved by the Secret Council of State which met yesterday under the chairmanship of the Emperor.
The agreement will be similar to that concluded with Germany and will officially be signed to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

PLUMBER'S MATE

Ten leaks in succession in the gas pipes of a Paris apartment aroused suspicion.
A gas-fitter advised the tenants to call the police.
The maid confessed to detectives that she had fallen in love with the plumber.
"I wanted to see him again, so I stuck nails in the pipe," she said.

CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE: ARITA HUMOUR

Tokyo, To-day.
In a message to the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, congratulates Germany on her action in Czecho-Slovakia.
"It will contribute much to the stabilisation of Europe and world peace," said Mr. Arita.—Reuter.

Committee For Welfare Of The Poor Urged

Sir,—From information I have received, and from the replies given by poor people when casually questioned about their housing—or to be more correct, "WARRENING"—accommodation, I am led to believe that there are probably many thousands of poor families in Hong Kong who are not aware that Ordinances have been passed which afford them protection from eviction from their dwellings when the extortionate demands of landlords are not met. I am told that in the slums, where two years ago, cubicles could be rented at \$2.50 or \$3.00 per month, the cost is now \$8.00 to \$12.00; and "principal tenants" are usually able to justify these increases to sub-tenants by producing letters from the property owners demanding proportionately higher rents. It seems to be the fact that many Chinese flats—i.e. (usually divided into four cubicles and a bed space under some stairs) one room, a verandah and a small back kitchen—have had the rents increased more than 100 per cent. in nearly every case. I have investigated; and I submit that the poverty which these increases in rent are causing is now so far degraded as to be incapable of being lowered much further.

I am also convinced that thousands of labourers' families who were unable to afford the minimum amount of nutritive food previous to the Japanese invasion of China, are now reduced almost to the point of desperation.

When the poor people reach that point, their actions are always liable to become collective and menacing; but probably it is the safety of this British Colony which sustains their amazing forbearance in the face of the cruelty of their own ghoulish compatriots!

To my mind, the situation is such that it requires a number of responsible and civic-minded residents of this Colony to combine and form an active Committee who are prepared to interest themselves in the welfare of the poor, insofar as their shelter (not in the open street) is concerned; to personally investigate and record the results of visiting, and questioning "principal tenants", occupiers of cubicles, and those who rent bed spaces, in order to ascertain the real state of affairs. Slum-dwellers should not be requested to appear before a tribunal to state their grievances; go to them; see the places where they live; and

what they are paying to live there, and if it is found that conditions are in the very serious state I believe them to be; namely—a wage earner getting from \$20 to \$30 per month having to pay nearly one half of that sum for a place not nearly so comfortable as a prison cell, and which must accommodate a whole family (whereas a prison cell is "overcrowded" if it contains four persons)—a petition could be presented to Government from such a body of responsible persons, representing the reality of what can only reasonably be regarded as a menace to the social security of this Colony; I mean the rapacious landlords who are probably also cheating the Government of its legitimate revenue by not truly disclosing the rents they are now receiving.

Once the facts have been established, handbills printed in Chinese could be widely distributed informing the poor Chinese that they will not be evicted when demands for extra rent are not met with; unless the landlord goes to court and has received a court order for eviction after the tenant has refused to pay a fair rent as decided by the Judge.

Unless some positive protective action, such as I have indicated is taken, the evil will go on unchecked,—in all but a few cases respecting people who are educated enough to know what protection the law affords them,—until eventually the camel's back will break, and perhaps with results which our administrators will regret.

I believe that the more fortunate members of the community in this Colony are unaware of the dreadful hardships which are being heaped on to the poor and lowly wage earners, who are so long suffering, and who contribute so much to the well-being and prosperity of the whole Colony. Cannot something real be done, so that in serving them, all are served, except of course the rent racketeers.

There have been letters to the Press from foreigners which question whether the Chinese are grateful for the protection which residence in this Colony affords them, and I think that the masses are showing their gratitude by a meek submission to the never-to-be-satisfied demands of grasping landlords who have no feeling at all for their fellow countrymen. "Zigari."

POLAND HESITATES AT DECLARATION HOSTILE TO GERMANY

Warsaw, To-day.

In addition to seeing the British Ambassador, the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck's callers yesterday included the diplomatic envoys of France, Germany, Rumania and Hungary.

Observers here consider that Poland is in a difficult position, for while the uncomfortable feeling of German encirclement is heightened by the fate of Memel, it is realised that declaration hostile to Germany might entail unpleasant consequences.

Especially is this opinion held as it is believed that Germany respected Poland's position in Danzig and Bogumin because Poland refrained from associating herself too closely with a policy potentially hostile to the Nazis.—Reuter.

DEATH OF LONDON M.P.

London, To-day.

The third vacancy in Parliamentary representation to be created within ten days by the death of a sitting member, occurred yesterday when a by-election in the Abbey division of Westminster was necessitated by the death of Sir Sidney Herbert.

As Conservative supporter of the National Government, Sir Sidney had a majority of 12,802 over his Labour opponent at the last election.—British Wireless.

FUNERAL OF REV. A.G. LEIGH

Changsha, To-day.

The remains of the late Rev. A. G. Leigh, of the English Methodist Missionary Society, who was killed during the Japanese bombing of Pingkiang on March 15th were buried outside the north city gate on Tuesday.—Central News.

LOYANG BOMBED

Loyang, To-day.

Loyang suffered a severe Japanese air raid yesterday. Twenty-six bombs were dropped, destroying more than 100 houses.

Chengchow and Hsuehchang and other places in northern Honan are reported to have sustained heavy damage as a result of attacks by Japanese bombers during the past few days.—Central News.

AS BEFORE

London, Today.

Amid cheers, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided that for the time being the position of the Czechoslovakian charge d'Affaires and consular officials would remain as before.—Reuter.

LAMBETH WALK BANNED BY GERMAN ARMY

Berlin, To-day.

An announcement made yesterday declares that the newest imported dance craze detracts from the dignity of the German soldier.

Playing of the Lambeth Walk music is therefore forbidden to bands of the Defence Forces.

This may be regarded as a further step towards eliminating from German ballrooms, foreign dances such as the aforementioned and Swing, which in movements and postures are regarded as un-German.

The National Socialist Party organisations have already condemned them and they are now forbidden in certain parts of the Reich.—Trans-Ocean.

H.K. PAPERS BANNED BY JAPS. IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.

The circulation of Chinese newspapers published in non-occupied areas, including Hong Kong, has been forbidden by the Japanese military authorities.

Pamphlets have been distributed all over the city containing a threat of severe punishment of anyone caught bringing to Canton, Chinese newspapers published in non-occupied areas.—Reuter.

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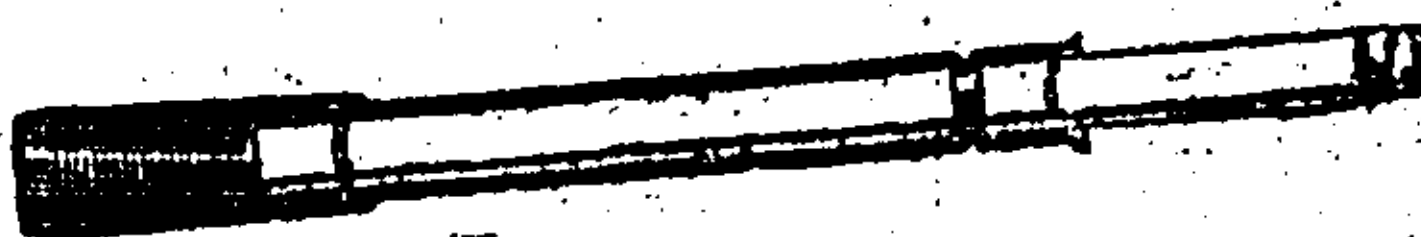
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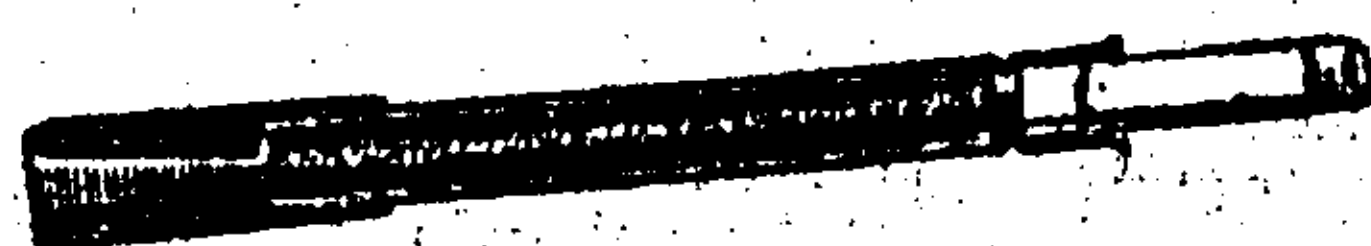
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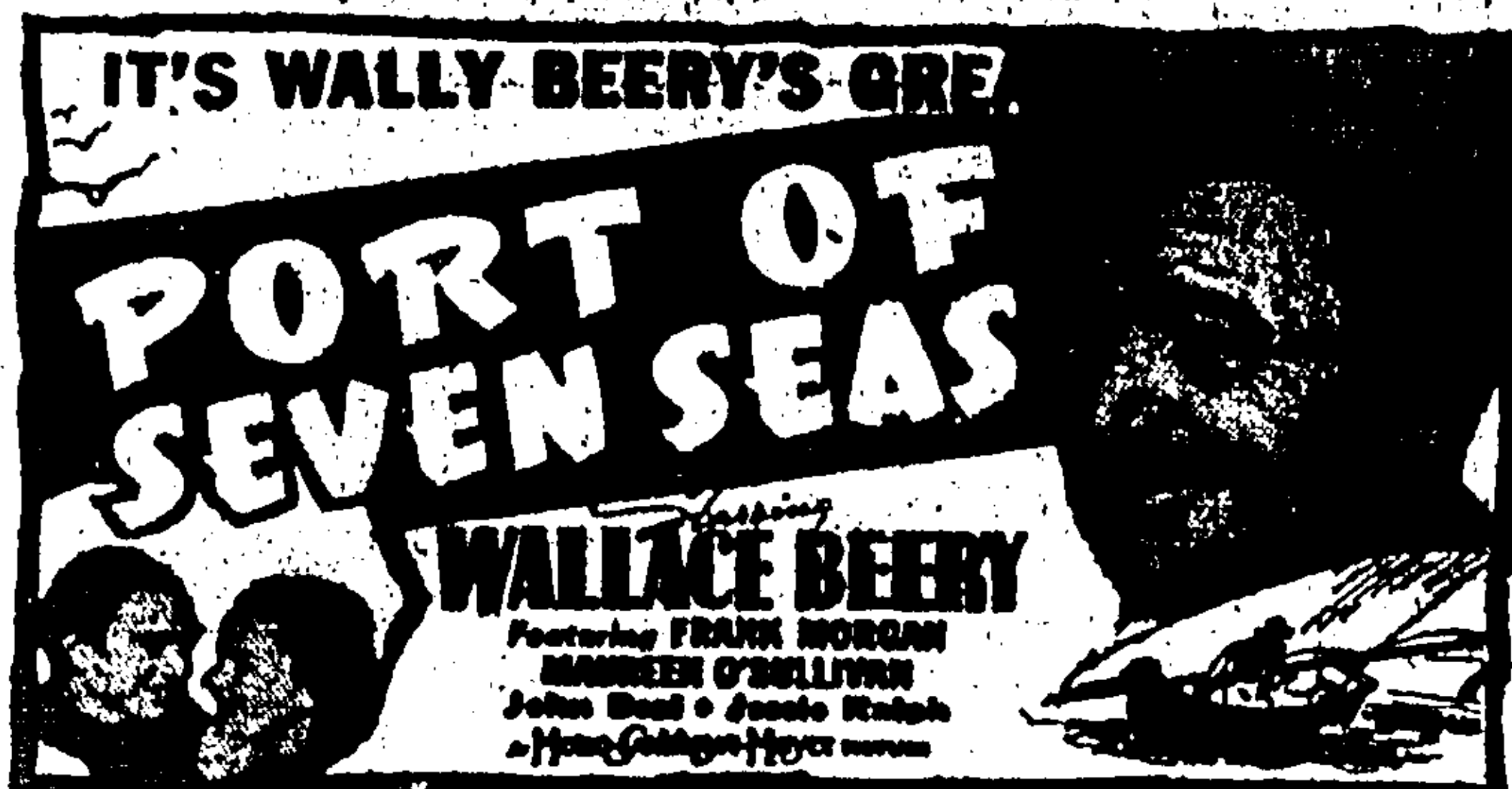
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Polish Leaders Confer On British Overtures

Warsaw, To-day.

The Premier, M. Skladowski, and the Vice-Premier, M. Eugene Kwiatkowski, called at the Royal Palace yesterday to report to President Moscicki on the political situation. Marshal Rydz-Smigly, the commander-in-chief, was also present.

The Polish Foreign Ministry was again the centre of great diplomatic activity yesterday.

The Foreign Minister, Col. Beck, received Sir Howard Kennard, the British Ambassador, and the Hungarian Minister, Herr von Hory. The German Ambassador, Herr von Moltke, the Rumanian Ambassador, M. Franassovici, the French Ambassador, M. Noel, the Brazilian Minister, Figueira de Mello, and the Netherlands Minister, van Rosenthal, also called at the Foreign Ministry and were received by the Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Szebek.

Official quarters decline to make any statement in explanation of this intense activity.

It is learned from a reliable source, however, that the probable reason was to be found in events in Memel, the action of Britain in connection with establishment of a Nazi protectorate in Bohemia and Moravia, and the military measures adopted by Rumania along her northern frontier.

BRITISH MISSION

The British Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, who headed the British trade mission to Warsaw, left for Moscow yesterday morning, although arrangements had been made for him to visit a certain number of places of interest in the Polish capital later in the day.

Curtailment of his stay here is attributed to the gravity of the present international situation.

Prior to his departure, Mr. Hudson said that the result of his trade mission had been exceedingly satisfactory.

Well-informed circles believe, however, that the political side of his mission was not so successful, as the Polish Government is desirous of proceeding very cautiously. — Trans-Ocean.

Poland Stands Clear Of Memel Question

Warsaw, To-day.

Poland looks upon the Baltic as lying within its own sphere of interest.

Hence everything happening within this region becomes a matter of direct concern to Poland.

As regards the surrender of Memel, circles in close touch with the Polish Foreign Ministry emphasise that Poland was not one of the powers which signed the Memel Convention.

It is also pointed out that the Lithuanian Government has never linked the Memel question with its integrity and security, and excluded it from the framework of the Baltic Entente.

Polish relations with Lithuania have nothing to do with the Memel question. — Trans-Ocean.

EURASIA OPENING NEW SERVICE

Chungking, To-day.

The Eurasia plane, Lanchow, is scheduled to make the first flight on the Chungking-Hankow line to-morrow.

DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE

Berlin, To-day.

There is a fundamental difference between protection and a protectorate, declared the Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, in an interview with the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

Dr. Tiso continued: "We are under the protection of but we are not a protectorate of the German Reich. We are entirely free and independent."

To be effective, he said, protection must, of course, assume military shape, since otherwise it would be valueless.

Replying to the question as to whether the independence of Slovakia implied a change in the constitutional form of the Slovak Government, Tiso said this was not the case.

The Premier would continue to remain the head of the Government and would assume the position of President or Regent. The Slovak Government had decided to establish four legations, namely in Berlin, Warsaw, Budapest and Washington.

Washington had been included in the list because a large number of Slovaks lived in America, who had actively assisted in restoring freedom of their country. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE IN TROUBLE

Hsiaoshan, To-day.

The Japanese forces which landed at Tungshachow, on the Fuchun River in northern Chekiang, have been driven to Fow-wo by Chinese defenders, reports received here indicate.

The Japanese retreat, it is claimed, has been cut off. The Japanese forces, were greeted by Chinese defenders with brisk rifle and machinegun fire. Fighting raged till late at night when, with the arrival of reinforcements, the Chinese drove the invaders to Fow-wo, recovering Luchiapu. — Central News.

row when the line will be formally inaugurated, it is learned from the Eurasia Aviation Corporation.

The new airline represents the easternmost section of the forthcoming Chungking-Moscow link which will bring air communication between the two places to within the Chungking-Hankow line to-morrow. — Central News.

Washington, To-day.

Yesterday the committee heard testimony from Mr. Sumner Welles (Assistant Secretary of State), Admiral Leahy (Chief of Naval Operations), and General Marshall (U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff).

MEMEL RAISED

Meanwhile a resolution similar to Senator Pittman's on neutrality was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday by Representative Thomas Hennings. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

This was essentially the time, however, to ask for a maximum amount of efficiency to see that they got full value for money expended. — Reuter.



The boy, parted from his parents for four months, homesick and heartbroken, had written his letter to the King in an effort to be reunited with his parents.

London, To-day.

Later Mr. Chamberlain had a conversation with the French Foreign Minister, at which Lord Halifax was also present. — British Wireless.

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary, replying for Mr. Chamberlain, said "I am not satisfied that in the present conditions introduction of a complete National Register would add anything to the steps which already have been taken by the Government for the security of the country."—**British Wireless**

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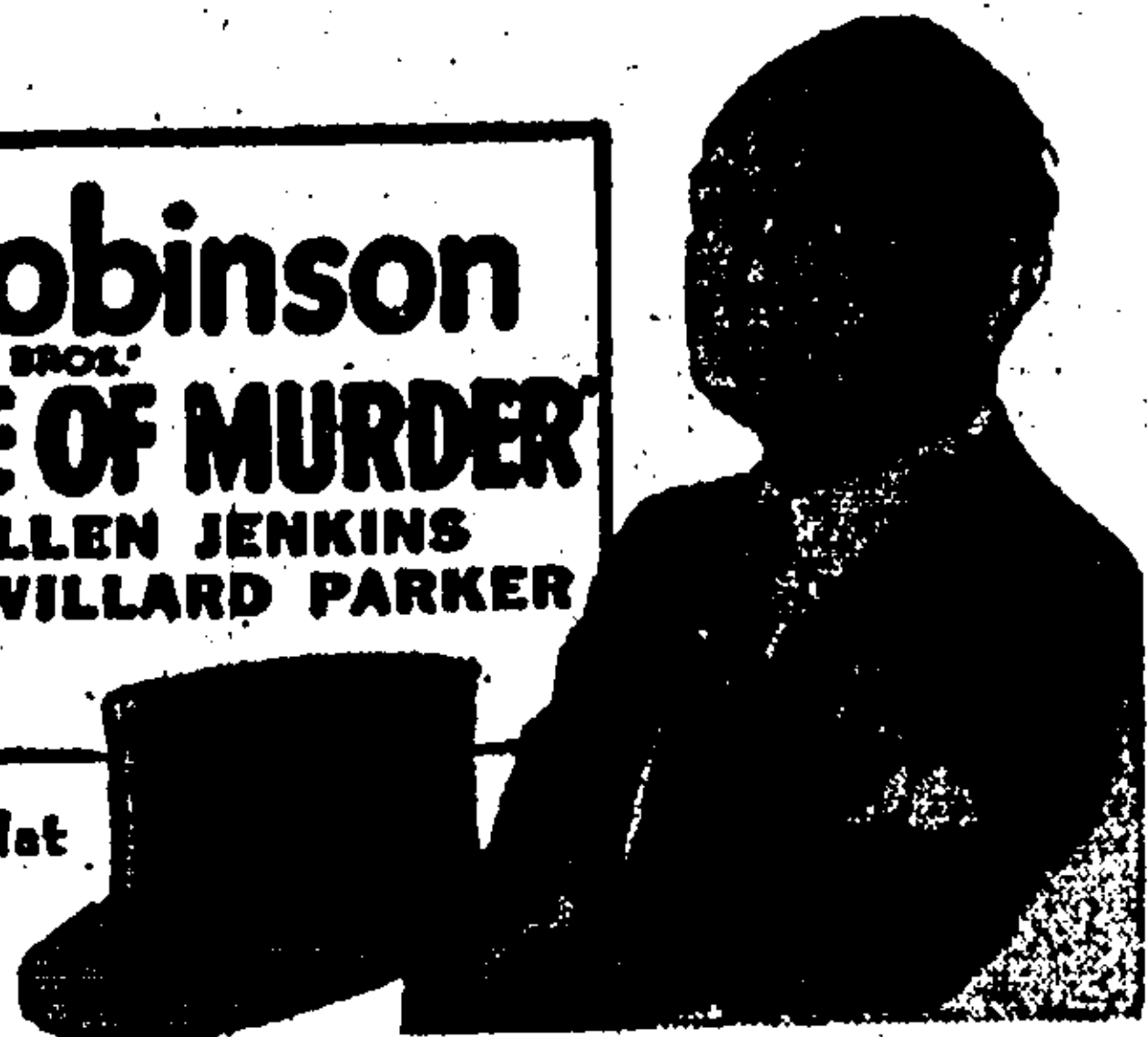
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RAIN AND MIST

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hai. Pressure remains relatively low over Siam.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; overcast, occasional rain and local mist.

A bunch of 14 keys has been found at the Bus Terminus at Tsim Sha Tsui and the Police are anxious to get in touch with the owner.

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London, To-day.

It was the City of London's privilege yesterday to see more of President and Madame Lebrun and to entertain them in accordance with ancient traditions.

The visitors began their 14-hour programme at 9.30 a.m.

At noon they drove in procession with a Sovereign's Escort to the Guildhall, where, after presentation of an address of welcome, a distinguished company, including the Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr. Neville-Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, gathered for luncheon in honour of the French President and his wife.

The President, replying to the toast to his health, said the welcome accorded them confirmed the feeling that between Britain and France a comprehension and entente had been established which their two great capitals had at an interval of eight months expressed in the same moving voice.

COMMON MEMORY

"I believe I may say that I am hearing the heart of London beat. It is here that several of the most noble principles of the modern world were born and a human civilisation of balance and dignity had attacked its apogee.

"The common memory of their experiences and joys unites our two capitals and cements for ever the friendship of our two countries."

Before leaving the Guildhall the President gave the Lord Mayor £500 for the London poor. — Reuter.

COUNTY HALL RECEPTION

London, To-day.
Yesterday afternoon the French President and Madame Lebrun attended a reception at County Hall in connexion with the Jubilee celebrations of the L.C.C.

Monsieur Lebrun, replying to the address of welcome, said that today there existed between the British and French peoples a solidarity of interests of thought and of sentiment.

They shared the same attachment to liberty and democratic institutions and the same ideal of peaceful relations between peoples founded on respect for the pledged word.

Afterwards M. and Madame Lebrun were escorted round the Jubilee Exhibition by the Chairman of the Council, Mrs. E. M. Lowe.—British Wireless.

EMBASSY DINNER PARTY

London, To-day.
M. Albert Lebrun, President of France, and Mme. Lebrun last night entertained Their Majesties the King and Queen and 100 other guests at a dinner given at the French Embassy.

Many members of the Royal Family including the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, and the Princess Royal, Countess of Harewood, were also present.

Among members of the Cabinet who attended the function were Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

STATE OPERA

The Royal Opera House at Covent Garden presented a brilliant apoc-

tacle last night when a gala performance was held in honour of President Lebrun.

Large crowds gathered outside to witness the arrival of the distinguished visitors and the audience gave Their Majesties and President and Mme. Lebrun a rousing welcome as they appeared in the Royal Box.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain was greeted with a special burst of applause.

GARLANDS OF FLOWERS

The interior of the opera house provided a splendid scene with garlands of flowers—the roses of England and the lilies of France—hanging round the tiers and the Royal Box.

The emblems of France and Great Britain were reproduced in the decorations, presenting a beautiful setting for the first state gala performance in London since the world war.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OPEN OFFENSIVE ON TWO FRONTS

Tokyo, To-day.

Simultaneous Japanese attacks on the northern and southern fronts have been launched after a long period of quiet.

Japanese troops crossed the Han River yesterday and are reported to be driving back the Chinese in Hupeh Province.

On the southern front the Japanese claim to have reached points seven miles from their starting point, and the drive is continuing. — Reuter.

LINES BROKEN THROUGH

Wanchiafow, To-day.
The Japanese have broken through the Chinese defence lines at Shangtantow and Lopangshan, to the northeast of Wuning. The move is to threaten the Chinese left wing in co-ordination with their drive across the Siu River.

The Chinese are now holding a new line at Talaotsien and Hui-chiashan to the south. — Central News.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Wanchiafow, To-day.
The Japanese troops which crossed the Siu River in north Kiangsi, to drive on Nanchang, are encountering stubborn resistance, according to field dispatches.

Confused fighting is in progress on the south bank.

The Chinese boom at Wuchang at the mouth of the Siu River which flows into the Poyang Lake, was destroyed by Japanese aerial bombing. — Central News.

Rumours Reach London Of Further Threat To Lithuania

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON ULTIMATUM

London, To-day.

Events in Memel and Lithuania formed the subject of a statement in the House of Commons by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, in the absence of the Prime Minister, who was conferring with M. Bonnet.

Replying to a question by Mr. Attlee, Sir Samuel gave a summary of the negotiations between the Lithuanian Foreign Minister and Herr von Ribbentrop and described the German Government's demand for immediate retrocession of Memel under threat of invasion in the event of resistance as an ultimatum.

Sir Samuel added that the Lithuanian Government had received an assurance that no further demands would be made on it if the German demands were satisfied.

This statement conflicts with rumours current here that the German Government has addressed demands to Kaunas similar to those formulated in the case of Czechoslovakia.

The Home Secretary, continuing, said that Lithuania had sent no communication to the British Government.

BRITAIN'S POSITION

In answer to further questions, Sir Samuel Hoare said that Mr. Chamberlain would himself, in the course of a later debate on the subject, define the position of Britain as a signatory of the Memel Convention of 1924 and inform the House of the course which the British Government proposed to take.

He denied any knowledge of whether the Lithuanian Government had appealed or would appeal to the Soviet for assistance in the defence of the remainder of Lithuanian territory.

He confirmed, however, that Herr Hitler had assured Mr. Chamberlain at Munich that Germany had no intention of intervening in any shape or form in the future status of Memel.—Trans-Ocean.

NO SPECIAL STATEMENT

London, To-day.

The steps leading to surrender of Memel to Germany were outlined by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, deputising for Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday.

After stating that he had no special statement to make regarding Central Europe, Sir Samuel said that as regards Memel, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, while in Berlin, received a demand for immediate cession to the Reich.

This was accompanied by a threat that in the event of any resistance or application for support from elsewhere, the matter would be dealt with in a military sense.

FOUR DAY ULTIMATUM

The demand amounted to an ultimatum, and the Lithuanian Government had to decide within approximately four days.

An assurance was given that if the demand was accepted no further demands would be made. (Ironical laughter). The demands, he understood, had been accepted.

The Lithuanian Government had not approached the British Government since the demand was presented.

BETTER WAIT

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) drew attention to the fact that Britain was a signatory of the Memel Convention of 1924, and asked if it was proposed to protest or take other action.

In reply to this and other questions, Sir Samuel Hoare thought that "matters had better wait for the fuller statement the Prime Minister intends to make."—Reuter.

U.S. INCREASES DEFENCES

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives military committee has approved the Government's bill appropriating \$117,000,000 for coastal defence and to remedy "critical" deficiencies in army equipment.

Expenditure of \$2,140,000 for extension of air research facilities at Langley Field, Virginia, was approved by the committee after hearing the testimony of officials of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics that Germany is building better military aerodromes than America because they were far ahead in aeronautical research.—Reuter.

DARDANELLES PASSAGE FOR BRITISH SHIPS

London, To-day.

The right of British warships to pass through the Dardanelles is, at present, the subject of negotiations between the British and Turkish Governments, stated the Undersecretary of State at the Foreign Office, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday, when asked if the British Government had considered what steps would have to be taken in the event of an attack on Rumania.—Trans-Ocean.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

Owing to the indisposition of His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) presided at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Sir Geoffrey's indisposition is not serious, but he has been ordered to rest for a day or two.

CHENG CHIEN REPORT RIDICULED

Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese report that General Cheng Chien, Chinese Chief of Staff, succumbed on Tuesday as the result of injuries received in the bombing of Lanchow on Feb. 23, is stated to be entirely unfounded.

Reuter is informed that General Cheng Chien was not at Lanchow on Feb. 23 nor has he ever been injured in the course of the present hostilities.

The report is believed to have arisen from the fact that during the Japanese bombing of Sian early this month, several bombs made direct hits on the dug-out in which General

JAPANESE LABOUR EXPERTS FOR CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Yet another group of Japanese labour and economic experts are arriving here shortly.

The latest experts are being sent by the Tokyo Industrial and Labour Promotion Institute Mission.

The party will study local business conditions for the purpose of developing industries, at the same time introducing a methodical labour system.—Reuter.

REORGANISATION BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed the Government's Reorganisation Bill, intended to give President Roosevelt some of the powers refused after a bitter debate last year.

The Bill has already passed the House of Representatives, and now goes to the Congress conference.—Reuter.

Cheng was sheltering, blowing in the gates.

The debris was removed and General Cheng Chien climbed out uninjured.—Reuter.

Britain Ready To Pay Four Millions For Czech Refugees

London, To-day.

MOVING in the House of Commons the second reading of the Czecho-Slovakia (Restrictions on Banking Accounts) Bill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, mentioned the £10,000,000 fund from which £3,750,000 had already passed to Czecho-Slovakia before the German invasion.

This payment, he said, was made partly from the £4,000,000 which was a free gift to assist refugees and partly from money which was a loan to the former Czecho-Slovakia and which the Czech Government had undertaken to repay.

Sir John Simon said that so far as the sums drawn were from loan,

he considered he was entitled to regard these as recoverable.

On the other hand, Britain was prepared to spend £4,000,000 to help refugees to get away from Czecho-Slovakia, and approximately £750,000 of the £4,000,000 had already been used for that purpose.—Reuter.

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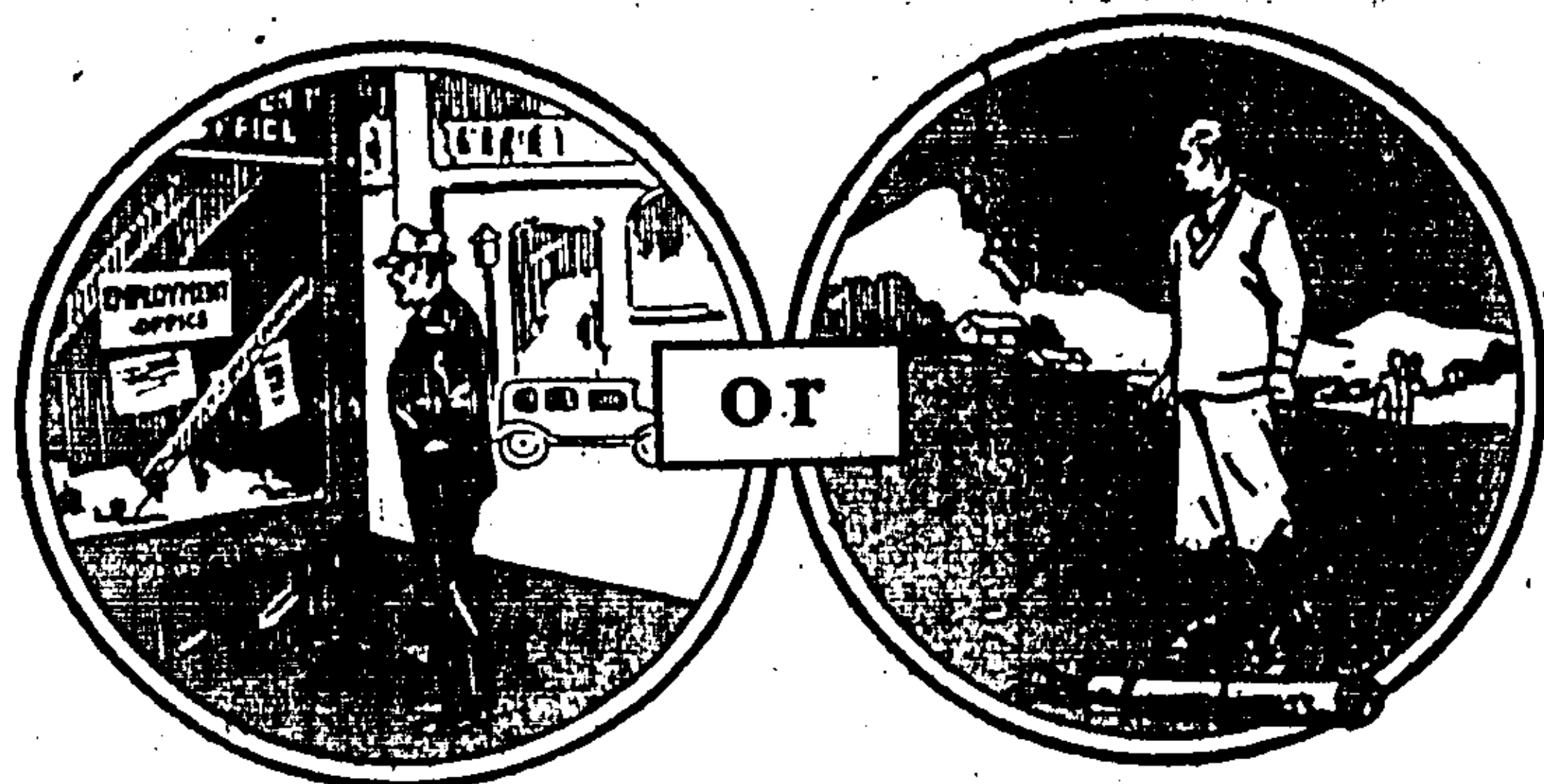
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PROBLEM'S ANSWER

At last Paul made up his mind. He was going to tell Prue that they would have to separate. The mere thought of a separation, of not being with her always, forever and ever, made him miserable, overpowered him with a great sense of dread and disappointment and emptiness.

Yet it must be so.

They had been married three years. Paul had been thinking about the separation for six months. Vaguely, gradually the idea had taken form in his mind. To-day, as he looked around the single room of their apartment with its unmade bed and disarranged newspapers and dusty furniture, it reached full maturity.

He was a commercial artist. He did illustrations for advertisements, sketches for newspapers, diagram for text book publishers. He was a free lance. For the most part, because he found it easier, he worked at home. This fact was the nub of the trouble. Working at home, or anywhere for that matter, he required order, a certain amount of routine in order to apply himself to the best of his ability.

After breakfast he'd set up his board in the living-room and begin work. More and more he became aware of the disorder of that living-room, of the rumpled bed in the alcove, of the dust,

His mind was too filled with his decision, with what he planned to do and the ultimate consequences.

Prue had gone in town early that morning. She would not be home until late in the afternoon. He wished he could get in touch with her, urge her to come home earlier. He wanted to get the thing over with. He did not want to allow himself time to weaken.

At noon he went into the kitchen and opened a can of soup and heated it. He was finishing his second cup when a key rattled in the door. It was Prue. She was home three hours before he expected her.

He thought as she came into the kitchen how charming she looked. But he was too concerned with the thoughts in his own mind to notice anything else about her that was different—the set look about her mouth, the deliberateness of her movements, the way she sat down and stared across at him gravely.

"I came home early, Paul. There's something I had to tell you. I couldn't keep it in any longer. It's been on my mind for weeks." She paused. "We've got to change our way of living—or separate."

"What?" He blinked. His mouth fell open.

"Oh, I know it comes as a terrific shock to you to know that I was even

By Barbara Ann Benedict

the litter. It worked on his mind. It bothered him no end. And more and more he became aware of Prue's slovenliness. He hadn't permitted himself to use that word until to-day. Yet now he knew there was no other word to express how he had come to feel toward her.

She was not a good housekeeper. She was untidy. She had no sense of routine or order. He couldn't go on living and working without these things. He knew that now.

He thought the matter over carefully in all its details. He wished mightily that he didn't love her so. It was going to be hard, for a time practically unbearable, but if he was to continue with his work, if he was to get a measure of happiness out of life, it would have to be so.

More and more his work had become in demand. He was getting places. He couldn't ruin his life, his career, not even for this girl whom he loved so dearly.

Yes, there was only one way. He must tell her. He must talk to her plainly and suggest a separation. The thought of how she would look and what she would say sent a pang through his heart. He knew she had no inkling of how he felt. It would be like a bolt from the blue.

He must make the telling as gentle as possible. He must be kind, considerate, yet firm. He must give her to understand that no matter what she said or did there could be no other way of solving the problem. He must make her understand that he loved her, would always love her; that he was doing this for her good as well as his own. If they continued on he would gradually grow to hate her. She wouldn't want that, nor would he.

Thus having settled the business in his mind, Paul tried to apply himself to the work he had laid out for the day. He found the task impossible.

entertaining such a thought. I'm sorry. I don't want to be brutal, but I've decided it's the only way. I mean, —oh, Paul, I know how important your work is. It's more important than anything to you. I don't dare come in to make the bed or pick things up or dust. That seems unimportant to you. But it isn't to me. I like order, and I have some pride. You can't imagine how embarrassing it is when somebody drops in and the house is in such a terrible state." A tear coursed down her cheek. "You don't know how hard it is to tell you this, because I—I love you so. If only you could work in a studio—"

Paul got unsteadily to his feet. He came around the table, feeling dazed, yet feeling curiously uplifted, relieved, gloriously happy.

He took her hand in his. "Studio. That's it. That's the answer to our problem. Stupid of me not to have thought of it before. I'll hunt one up to-morrow—and we'll stay married and be happy."

Prue squeezed his hand, smiled through her tears. "Oh, my darling, if you only knew how tortured I've been because I thought you wouldn't understand."

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RUMANIA DEVELOPMENTS GIVE RISE TO SPECULATION

German Recall Of Herr Wohlthat Rescinded

Three Rumanians Killed In Frontier Clash

Recall of the German economic expert, Herr Wohlthat, to Berlin, thus breaking off trade negotiations in which Rumania had rejected German demands for a virtual monopoly of Rumania's import and export trade, has been rescinded.

Bucharest reports state that the German decision came as a complete surprise, even to Herr Wohlthat, who was ordered to return to Berlin just before he was due to sign the modified agreement.

Tension continues in Rumania. Troops have now been strengthened on the Bulgarian frontier as well as on the Hungarian.

In a clash between frontier guards on the Hungarian fron-

tier yesterday, three Rumanians were killed.

Paris newspapers carry further reports indicating a steady movement of German troops through Czecho-Slovakia towards Rumania continues.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

Negotiations between Germany and Rumania on economic matters had been in progress for some time, declared the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, replying in the House of Commons yesterday on behalf of Mr. Chamberlain.

The Rumanian Government had denied there had been an ultimatum from the German Government during the course of the negotiations.

At the same time, the uncertainty over the present situation was causing the Rumanian Government to take certain precautions.

Replying to a supplementary question, Sir Samuel Hoare said he was informed that the German economic mission had returned to Berlin.

PETROLEUM EXPORTS

Answering another question, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said the Rumanian Government was aware that His Majesty's Government desired that exports of petroleum products to Britain be maintained.

This was one of the questions to be discussed between the British and Rumanian commercial authorities.—Reuter.

GERMANY EMERGES AS "PEACE-MAKER"

Bucharest, To-day.

Germany, according to official circles, is trying to negotiate a decrease in tension on the Hungaro-Rumanian frontier.

It is stated that Germany is bringing pressure to bear on Hungary to reduce the number of men under arms.

If Hungary does so, Rumania would follow suit.—Reuter.

HERR WOHLTHAT STAYS: TALKS RESUMED

Bucharest, To-day.

Herr Wohlthat, head of the Nazi economic delegation, has postponed his departure and the trade talks are now continuing, according to official sources.

The talks are stated to have taken a favourable turn yesterday, and an agreement may possibly be signed later this week.

If so, Rumania is not to be

DUSSELDORF AGREEMENT IN ABEYANCE

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade yesterday received the president and chairman of the delegation of the Federation of British Industries which recently visited Germany, who presented a report of the result of the discussion with the Reichsgruppeindustrie at Dusseldorf.

It was pointed out that the discussions had been preceded by a great deal of preparatory work undertaken with the full knowledge and approval of the Government.

Purpose of the discussions was to investigate whether any plan could be found which might in the first place eliminate unhealthy competition between British and German industries, and later by extension of such conversations to other countries, and later by extension such conversations to other countries, to an increase in world trade.

VALUABLE WORK

Mr. Oliver Stanley thanked the Federation's representatives for the report, and expressed the opinion that although political developments of the last few days had created a situation, which, while it lasted, made further progress impossible, the Federation's delegation, in obtaining the agreement of the Reichsgruppeindustrie to a joint declaration of principles, had performed for British industry a valuable piece of work which, but for those developments, might have served as a basis on which individual industries of the manufacturing countries of the world could have solved a great many of their difficulties.

ONLY FUTURE COULD SHOW

It was agreed that only the future could show whether at some later date and in changed circumstances the valuable preliminary work thus far accomplished might be developed by individual industries to the national advantage.—British Wireless.

CHINA CURRENCY BILL

London, To-day.

The China Currency Bill will be passed through all stages in the House of Lords next week and will become law on Wednesday or Thursday.—Reuter

COURT-MARTIALS FOLLOW LIMA REVOLT

LIMA, TO-DAY.

TWENTY-FOUR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN COURT-MARTIALED AND SENTENCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVOLT OF GENERAL RODRIGUEZ ON FEBRUARY 20.

General Ortega, principal abettor of Gen. Rodriguez, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment, and others to terms of from one to 12 years.

Twelve accused officers were acquitted.—Reuter.

involved in any political commitments or commercial monopolies.—Reuter.

EXCLUSIVELY A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

Bucharest, To-day.

The calling up of certain classes of reserves announced in an official statement was described by the Rumanian Prime Minister, M. Calinescu, addressing press representatives yesterday, as exclusively a precautionary measure.

These troops had not approached the frontier and would not do so, he said.

If within the next ten or fifteen days the international outlook improved, these reservists would be at once dismissed.

The Government had not taken any extraordinary economic or financial measures.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. LEY FOR ROME

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Robert Ley, Chief of the National Socialist Labour organisation, will head the delegation of high officials of the National Socialist Party at the celebrations on occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Fascist Party. The delegation will leave to-day for Rome.—Trans-Ocean.

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BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Recent events added a dramatic intensity to the warmth of welcome given to President and Madame Lebrun, says a British message in reference to the State Visit of the President of the French Republic. In fact, it might seem to many something of an omen that the visit, arranged so long ago, should coincide so happily with a moment when events have wrought a tremendous change in Britain's relationship to Europe and when the inextricable linking of Britain's fate with that of France cannot be too sharply impressed. If France's military might were broken by an invader Britain would be in instant and fearful jeopardy. The rise of powerful and predatory totalitarian States, though it menaces France more nearly, is no less of a threat to Britain, whose statesmen, when they speak of giving help to the French in the event of attack, are conscious that the rendering of such assistance would be no more than an act of self-preservation. As the European sky has darkened so have the Western democracies drawn more closely together, until, from the limited and legalistic interpretation of British obligations to France given by Mr. Chamberlain last December, the two nations have progressed to a point at which they have publicly exchanged pledges to employ "all their forces" in one another's behalf in the event of war and Britain has joined France in calling the Soviet into collaboration.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster has been more explicit than the Prime Minister in defining Britain's position. The Government, said Mr. Morrison on the other day was fully agreed that if France were attacked, Britain could not proceed on the principle of limited liability. "All our resources would have to be thrown in. The only question is how they could be most effectively used." This question, however, is fundamental. It goes to the very heart of what is now in effect the Anglo-French military alliance. It is sorely troubling statesmen and strategists in both countries, but particularly in France. The French, necessarily, think primarily in terms of their land frontiers and their Army, which is still the most formidable in Europe. To them the throwing in of all British resources connotes the sending to France of vast military forces such as turned the scales in the Great War. Britain, they argue, might hold the seas and partially throttle the enemy by blockade, and even protect herself against the worst consequences of aerial invasion, but where would she be if France were overrun and defeated on land? Wars are still won and lost in the grapple of armies. Therefore, in the logical French view, the proper course is for

Britain to create a great army and prepare it to defend her existence, as in 1914-18, on the soil of France. The French are not alone in arguing thus. Some British soldiers and politicians contend almost passionately that Britain must not only be ready to fling her potent naval and aerial weapons, and her immense industrial and financial resources, into the struggle, but must despatch a large army to the main theatre of European operations.

Captain Liddell Hart, the noted military writer, who, before Munich, held the view that France could repel any German attack unaided by British land forces, now concedes that she has a just claim to military assistance owing to the changed balance of power and the appearance of potentially hostile forces on her Spanish frontier. For the British Government, however, the decision to send 19 divisions immediately on outbreak of war was not an easy one. Such a further pledge to Paris, and the preparations to implement it, ran counter to the belief honestly held by some Ministers that Britain could render most effective aid by not becoming too heavily embroiled on land. But for the rape of Czechoslovakia, the ultimatum to Lithuania and other signs that the Nazi machine is running wild, it would probably run counter also to popular feeling. The British people remember with horror the holocausts of the Somme and Passchendaele; instinctively they recoil from the idea of the flower of Britain's manhood perishing again on foreign soil. The Government, apart from taking cognisance of public opinion, and knowing that the promise of a large army to France in a future war means consideration of a policy of conscription now, has to consider to what extent even Britain's unrivalled resources would be equal to the strain of creating a great army in addition to the vast expenditure on the Navy and the Air Force.

Women in Defence

Modern "total" warfare has dissolved the old distinction between the home and the fighting fronts, and the part of women in defence preparations, if quite different in character, is no less essential than that of the men. This obvious truth is hardly recognised by the local government. The plan for a national register, is limited to man-power, and we suggest that it should be supplemented with a women's register for service in an emergency. It is true that already in the Colony, women's associations are co-operating with various organisations for emergency service, these organisations have themselves taken the initiative and begun enrolling recruits, and training members in first aid, home nursing, and air-raid precautions. Many other activities which women will be expected to perform, whether in peace time or in war time, hardly need to be outlined. The scope for such feminine assistance is emphasised, of course, by the smallness of our population, which demands that every citizen, man or woman, must fill a role best suited to individual capacities in the event of an emergency. Work already carried out by existing organisations should prove helpful but the inauguration of a co-ordinated plan would be welcomed as enabling uniform methods to be adopted, thus putting the women's volunteer services on the proper basis.

German Troops Marching Into Memel This Morning

LITHUANIANS INCENSED: JEWS IN FLIGHT

Memel, To-day.

German troops will enter Memel territory officially at eight o'clock this morning, though some considerable number of men have already crossed the frontier "for precautionary reasons."

Shortly after the entry of troops, the battleship Deutschland, with the German Chancellor, Adolf Hitler, aboard, and other units of the German Navy will arrive in Memel.

Large demonstrations of the Memel German population are expected during the forenoon and Hitler is expected to make a short speech.

There was a run on the banks in Kaunas yesterday, in connection with the surrender of Memel to Germany. Shortly before closing hours, official action was taken and payments out were restricted to small sums.

The run on the banks was chiefly the result of heavy demands by Jews and refugee Germans, who, significantly, are leaving Lithuania as rapidly as facilities can be obtained.

JEWS IN FLIGHT

Railway stations for Latvia, Estonia and Finland, and even trains for Poland, were crowded yesterday with Jews and German refugees, who, in view of the fate of Czechoslovakia, apparently fear that German assurances will not protect Lithuania from absorption by the Reich.

In an official communication to the Lithuanian press, the Government says that refusal to accept Germany's terms would have resulted in German military occupation.

The Lithuanian public is nevertheless incensed at developments and several minor incidents have occurred.

SPECIAL LAW

In consequences of the unrest, a special law "for defence of the State" has been proclaimed in all districts of Lithuania.

A Lithuanian delegation composed of the Foreign Minister, Dr. Urbys, the Minister Lozoraitis, and two high permanent officials, left for Berlin by plane yesterday afternoon to discuss the details arising from Lithuania's surrender of Memel to Germany and Germany's promises of economic facilities in the port of Memel.

The German Minister in Kaunas accompanied the Mission. — Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

HITLER SAILS

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler boarded a cruiser at Swinemunde yesterday for his visit to Memel, preferring to travel by sea instead of by train.

The cruiser was escorted by a fleet including cruisers and destroyers, and Hitler is expected to arrive in Memel harbour at 8 o'clock this morning. — Reuter.

TREATY SIGNED

Berlin, To-day.

A German-Lithuanian treaty was signed here last night. The treaty includes a non-aggression agreement. — Reuter.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON HINES' ACCUSER

New York, To-day.

Harry Schoenhaus, who turned State's Evidence in the first trial of Jimmy Hines, the notorious racketeer, was yesterday given suspended sentence of two years.

Richard "Dixie" Davis, who also turned States Evidence, was given a year but receives credit for 170 days served in the Tombs Prison last year. — Reuter.

"I am not quite so sure," is the title of a lecture that Professor de Richenau, Ph.D., will deliver tonight at 6 p.m. at the lodgeroom of the local Theosophical Society (1B Chater Road). The lecture is free and all interested are welcome.

ANSCHLUSS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

Kaunas, To-day.

Dr. Neumann, leader of the Memel Nazis, proclaimed the Anschluss with Germany in the Diet last evening, and announced he was sending a telegram of thanks to Hitler.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Memel Diet closed with the singing of "Deutschland Uber Alles." — Reuter.

ROME CALLING 300,000 TO THE COLOURS

Rome, To-day.

A new draft of recruits, estimated at 300,000, will be called to the colours this week.

Normally 200,000 men are called up each year.

Trained reserves to this latter number are expected to be released from the colours as usual about April 1.

Reason for the increase in this year's draft is said to be the inclusion of recruits who were unfit in previous classes.

Italy has also called to the Colours a substantial number of technicians. — Reuter.

BIG U.S. ORDER FOR PLANES

New York, To-day.

The Navy Department has awarded the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation a contract for aeroplanes and spare parts totalling nearly \$5,000,000. — Reuter.

ARAB SHOP STRIKE

Jerusalem, To-day.

All Arab shops in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Lydda were closed yesterday as protest against the British Palestine proposals. — Reuter.

PACIFIC DEFENCE CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The United Kingdom representatives at the coming Pacific Conference in New Zealand on defence, were announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Dominions Secretary, Sir Thomas Inskip.

They will be Sir Harry Batterbee (United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand), Sir Harry Luke (Governor of Fiji), Vice-Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin (of the Commonwealth Naval Board), who will represent the Home Government, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore and Major-General P. J. Mackesy. — Reuter.

EGYPTIAN PROTEST TO ITALY

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Government decided yesterday to address a protest to the Italian Government regarding the concentration of troops on the Egyptian frontier with Libya.

Conversations had taken place on Tuesday between the Italian Minister and the Egyptian authorities regarding the extent of the concentration and the reasons for it. — Trans-Ocean.

LAST ACT IN LONG FARCE

London, To-day.

The board set up under the non-intervention agreement regarding the Spanish civil war is closing down its organisation, and observers, both on sea and land, are being dismissed. — Reuter.

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\$2,000,000 Development Planned By Godown Company

PORT AUTHORITY CREATION DISCUSSED AS POSSIBILITY

An elaborate programme of building which in the course of a period of years will result in the complete modernisation of the whole of the property of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, was mentioned by Mr. D. F. Landale, chairman, at the annual ordinary meeting of the company held this morning at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

Mr. Landale said:

The earnings for 1938 showed a marked advance over those for 1937, owing to the greatly increased storage facilities which the Company made available.

In April/May it became apparent that we should be hard pressed for space to accommodate cargoes coming forward. All godowns in the Colony were congested, and from information available as to anticipated arrivals it was obvious that the Port would be unable to accommodate all the expected business unless something was done. Your Directors considered it vitally necessary to ensure that the efficient working of the Port was maintained and, in order to avoid any cargo actually destined for Hong Kong being diverted to other Ports, they took steps to provide additional storage space.

GODOWN RENTS

The position was further complicated by the fact that owners of godowns in Hong Kong which we had occupied on lease, demanded such inordinately increased rents that we decided it was better to terminate the leases and make our own arrangements. Added to this we also had to give up other buildings which had been placed at our disposal for storage purposes in 1937 as well as a large area of leased ground on the Railway front at Chatham Road.

The Company therefore first of all leased an area of land at Cosmopolitan Docks and constructed on it a temporary godown to accommodate 5,000 tons; at the same time, arrangements were made with the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. to lease the old Brewery site at Laichikok, and the old building on this property was re-conditioned to store a further 7,000 tons. Plans were also put in hand for the construction of a permanent concrete godown with granite block walls on our property at K.M.L. 49, the present timber yard, which would take 12,000 tons.

LAICHIKOK PROPERTY

In June, however, it became obvious that still further accommodation would be needed to cope with the situation, and your Directors therefore purchased the Laichikok property from the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. with its buildings and pier, and proceeded with the construction of an additional godown on this site with accommodation for 13,000 tons.

All this gave us 40,000 tons of additional storage space and the large increase in earnings over 1937 shown in the Accounts is due to this factor; had this space not been available the Company would have been compelled to shut out a large quantity of Hong Kong cargo, and would have been unable to accept the large volume of new business offering.

The commencement of hostilities in South China last October contributed further to the congestion in the godowns; large quantities of cargo normally moving direct through the Port had to be placed on storage.

I want to stress the fact that the Company's tariff rates have not been increased in any way since the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in August 1937. In fact, our storage and transshipment rates are the same to-day as they were in 1924, and throughout the past fifteen years the only increases made in our charges have been an increased berthing fee charged from the 1st June 1930 to vessels using the Wharves, and the charge for landing cargo for steamers' account which was increased by 20% in April 1937 to meet higher operating costs.

Compared with other Ports, our charges are still the cheapest in the Far East.

SHIP FIGURES

During the year, the total number of

vessels discharging cargo to the Company's premises at Kowloon was 1,022 as against 1,255 for 1937. The 1937 figure, however, includes a number of vessels which were diverted from Shanghai, and although the total tonnage landed in 1938 was only 789,477 tons as against 908,908 tons in 1937, the average tonnage of cargo per vessel was higher than that of 1937. These figures do not include quantities of tea and other China Produce landed from Coast Ports.

The shipping situation in America contributed to the decline in the number of vessels handled, as from 1st July arrivals of American vessels were seriously curtailed, and between 21st October and 2nd December none of the regular American vessels visited the Port.

It has been obvious to your Directors for some time that existing godown facilities are inadequate to cope with the business of the Port. Some of our buildings are about 50 years old and have passed their economic life; during the congestion all godowns were filled to capacity and it must be understood that most of the buildings, rushed up during the emergency had to be built very rapidly and are more or less of temporary construction. They are being written off.

NEW BUILDING SCHEME

Looking to the future your Directors have decided to start a building programme which, in the course of a period of years, will result in the modernisation of the whole of our property and develop it to the best advantage. The following programme has been decided upon as essential as a first step and has been put in hand:

- (1) To build a new wharf in place of No. 3 which it is inadvisable and uneconomic to repair. This will place all our wharves in efficient working condition.
- (2) To demolish Godowns 16, 17, 18 and 19 and to build on three-quarters of this site a modern six-storied storage godown and a single storied transit shed, with a capacity of 18,000 tons in excess of the existing 10,000 tons.
- (3) To build modern coolie quarters in Canton Road to provide accommodation for approximately 1,200 coolies of the Company's staff.
- (4) To provide more efficient passenger facilities at No. 1 Wharf.

TO COST \$2,000,000

This programme should be completed during the current year at a cost of over \$2,000,000; the proposed transfer of half a million dollars to General Reserve will in part help to meet this and the balance can be paid for over the next two years or so. There will be, when the Accounts are approved, a million and a half dollars in General Reserve.

MEETING

I should like to assure shareholders that this question of rebuilding has been given the very fullest consideration by your Board. The decision to incur what you may consider heavy expenditure is by no means due to over-optimism induced by the favourable results of the last two years. On the contrary, your Directors realise full well that the trading of 1937/1938 has been abnormal and cannot be expected to continue indefinitely. Their decision is based entirely on the fact that so much of our property must be rebuilt and modernised if we are to keep ourselves abreast of the times, competitive with the facilities given at other ports, and able to cope economically

and efficiently with the future trade of the Colony.

As you have been told in the Budget address, pier leases expire in 1949. At some time before that date Government contemplates an enquiry into port facilities and a declaration of intention which we naturally hope will be made without undue delay.

Whatever happens, however, one thing is clear: the Godown Company have their responsibilities to the Port and cannot stand still. All your property on which the five wharves abut is on a 999 years' lease.

LIGHTER EARNINGS

The Company's craft have again been fully employed during the year, and earnings from this department show an increase over 1937 of \$95,210.78. The Company continues to obtain its fair share of business offering in this direction; the twelve new lighters referred to in the Chairman's speech last year are now in service, and your fleet is being maintained in efficient working condition. A new launch of up-to-date construction has been added to the fleet, and the Accounts show \$84,500.00 on account of this craft.

Apart from the points I have already covered, there is little in the Accounts calling for comment.

The volume of business transacted during the year has again called for continuous extra work on the part of the Staff; I am pleased to say that all demands on them have been efficiently and cheerfully met, and I feel sure Shareholders will approve of the decision of your Directors to allocate the amounts shown in the Accounts under "Bonus to Staff."

Adequate depreciation on all property has been allowed for, and the present book values are, if anything, below the actual value of the respective properties. Having paid an Interim Dividend of \$3.00 per share absorbing \$270,000 the balance available for appropriation is \$1,544,785.21 which includes the sum of \$249,411.65 brought forward from 1937. Your Directors recommend that this balance dealt with as follows:—

Pay a Final Dividend of \$7.00 per share	\$630,000.00
Transfer to General Reserve A/c	500,000.00
Transfer to Repairs and Renewals A/c	152,708.09
Carry forward	262,077.12
	\$1,544,785.21

Before formally proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I should like to draw your special attention to the resignation of Sir Robert Ho Tung from the Board last December on account of ill health. Although Sir Robert was only a member of the Board for a few years, he has been very closely associated with us ever since the Company was formed. We shall miss his active assistance very much indeed. I should like to wish him a speedy recovery to health and many happy years of retirement, and to thank him for all he has done for us.

STRAIN OF OPTIMISM

In seconding the motion, Mr. P. M. Hodgson said:—Mr. Chairman, I would like to express on behalf of the shareholders our appreciation of the able manner in which the Directors have coped with the various difficult situations that have arisen during the year under review. It is very gratifying and gives us a feeling of security to know that we have on our Board practical business men who believe in the future prosperity of the Colony and act accordingly.

I am glad to perceive a strain of optimism running through your speech. The decision to start a planned building programme is, in my opinion, a sound and wise one; periodically, in 1925 and again in 1933, we were told by the pessimists that this Colony is finished, and I have heard the same again quite recently—personally, I consider these predictions ridiculous.

There seems to be a fear that all reconstruction and expenditure in such is unwise at the present time. I cannot agree. This fear causes lack of progress, without which no concern can be of any benefit.

Our wharves and godowns are the Company's very existence, and it is of the utmost importance to keep them up-to-date and modern, without which we cannot hope to progress as we should.

Are we to go backwards or forward?

FAITH IN FUTURE

If you have any faith in our future,

there is manifestly only one course open to us and that is the course our Board, with foresight and due consideration to their belief in the future welfare of our Colony, proposes to adopt.

I should like to quote, if I may, part of a speech made by one of our Board, the Hon. Mr. Dodwell, at the recent meeting of members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

"Uncertainty as to the future of the Colony in 1933 was one of the factors on which we pessimists laid great stress. It may be argued that the Colony's future is still obscure, but so is the future of the world, and if we are to wait until every factor becomes favourable for rebuilding, few of us present members are ever likely to sample the comforts of the imposing Club house the Committee have planned for us. Experience since 1933 in dealing with the uncertainties of the future have taught me that the best course is to go ahead just as if no uncertainties existed."

This is apt of our Company.

PORT TRUST?

As our property immediately adjoining the Wharves is on a 999 years' lease, we are, I think, in a favourable position; rumour has it that some form of Port Trust is contemplated in 1949, and there is no doubt that no matter what form of Port Development may be ultimately decided upon, the Wharf Company must take its place therein, and that therefore development of our property on modern lines can only react to the advantage of the shareholders.

It gives me much pleasure to second the proposition that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson, C. C. Black and A. H. Penn were confirmed as directors on the proposal of Mr. A. R. Fullerton, seconded by Mr. G. B. S. Thompson, and the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. D. Drummond were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. D. Mackenzie.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were reappointed auditors on the proposal of Mr. A. Murdoch, seconded by Mr. J. Hyde.

The following attended:—Mr. D. F. Landale, chairman, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. D. Drummond, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. J. H. Jessen, Mr. F. A. Joseph, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. C. C. Black, Mr. A. H. Penn and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, (directors), Major C. M. Manners (secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. G. B. S. Thompson, Gordon Castle, P. M. Hodgson, D. M. Mackenzie, A. R. Fullerton, A. Mackenzie, Kwok Hin-wang, J. Hyde and A. Murdoch.

GOERING'S TRIP IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

It is gathered from Italian newspapers that Field Marshal Goering will not pay his contemplated visit to Rome until after his tour through Sicily and Libya.

It is understood that he will then visit Rome for an exchange of views with Italian statesmen. — Trans-Ocean.

LATVIA DECLARES NEUTRALITY

Riga, To-day.

The Latvian Government, emphasising its neutrality has issued a communique stating: "The Council of Ministers has unanimously decided to take a neutral attitude. The independence of Latvian policy corresponds best to the interest of the people and State. As in the past, the Government will continue to make all efforts to increase the safety of the country and to avoid becoming involved in international conflicts." — Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



With Bank notes as their neighbours, the Cup Final tickets for the F.A. final at Wembley, are now being printed at Messrs. Waterlow's printing works at Finsbury. Over £30,000 in value and nearly 100,000 in number they will be much sought after by the Cup-final fans. There will be over 7,000 extra seats at this year's match. Photo shows a novel view of two girl assistants checking over the tickets.

BROTHERS' AIR COLLISION

Two Indian pilots—P. D. Sharma, winner of the Viceroy's gold medal race, and his brother—were killed when two Indian National Airways' planes they were flying collided over jungle country thirty-two miles from Karachi. An American passenger was also killed.

HOSPITAL BEDS TOTAL 502,000

England and Wales have 502,000 hospital beds (or 371,500 excluding mental hospital beds). Of the latter some 120,000 beds could be freed for casualties in an emergency and 80,000 new beds are on order. A further 100,000 beds could be accommodated in existing hospitals if necessary—so Minister of Health Elliot told the Commons.

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WHY POOLS SUIT FAILED

A claim for £14,000 on a penny points football pool coupon was dismissed at Liverpool Assizes, the judge ruling that agreements in honour were not agreements which could give rise to a legal relationship.

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MORE TROLLEY

BUS SERVICES

The Kent County Council, the Thames Valley Traction Co. and others have withdrawn their opposition to the private bill by which the London Passenger Transport Board seeks authority to provide more trolley-bus services.

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MOUNTAIN GIFTS TO NATION

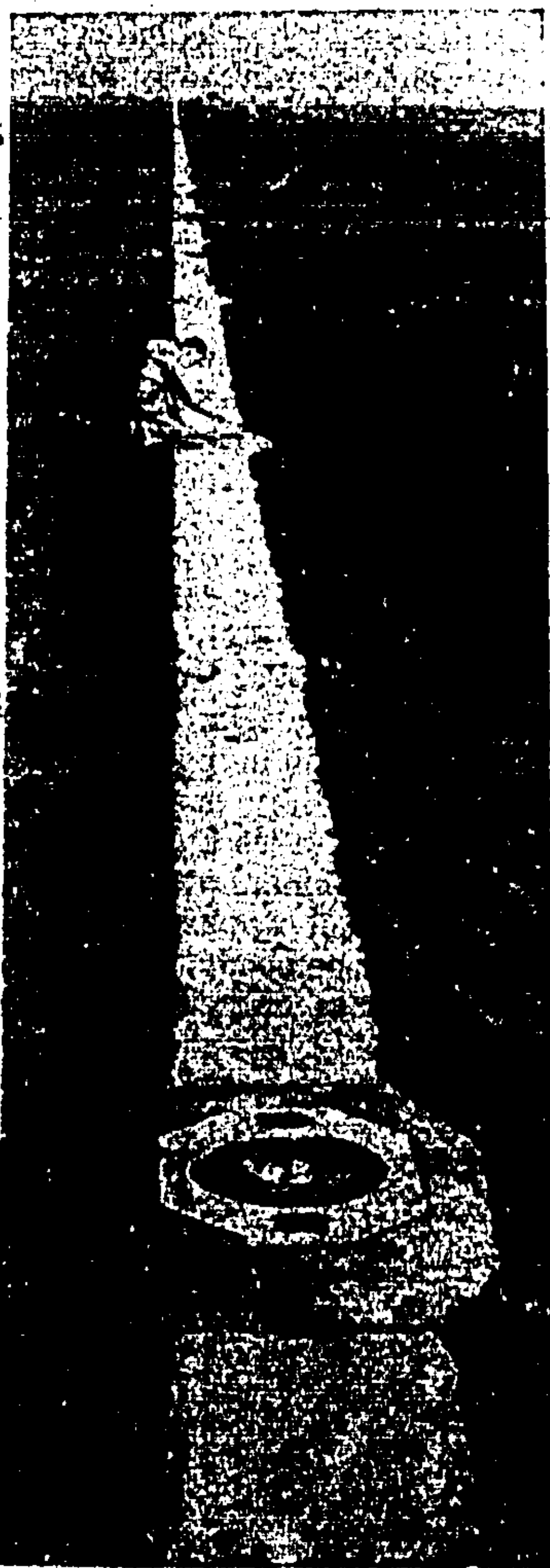
The National Trust announces the gift of 169 acres of the summit of Skirrid Fawr mountain in Monmouthshire by Major Jack Herbert, and 71 acres of steep mountain land on the east side of Aberglaslyn Pass, Caernarvonshire, by Lord Halden.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London Police Courts—
Witness at Willesden: She went to a party on Sunday, did not come back until two days later, and then next evening went back to the same party.

Woman at Tottenham: My baby is a big boy. So it is not surprising that the pram will not go into the garage.

Witness at Wimbledon: The cyclist then gave a signal that she was going to turn over on to her right-hand side.



An illuminated concrete fog-line which has been installed at Ringway Airport, Manchester, is the first runway marker light system of its kind outside the United States and has cost £3,000. It is designed to facilitate the landing of aircraft in foggy weather and consists of a concrete strip 1,400 yards long which runs across the aerodrome's greatest width. Counterpane electric lamps are installed at 50ft. intervals, giving an intense light at a low angle.

BID FOR BIGGER EXPORT TRADE

A demand for moves to improve Britain's export trade has been made by the Association of Chambers of Commerce to the Board of Trade.

The Government, said the Association leader, Sir Cecil Weir, should review world markets in terms of values and volumes, "and so determine an objective for future action."

"We should explain to countries that if we are to give them access to our markets, we must ask them for a like ratio of exports to them," he said.

More important—the Association believed that the benefits of the Most-Favoured-Nation Clause should be withdrawn from those countries "which are not prepared to treat us reasonably." They also recommended a three-column tariff.

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'NO' FOR MOSLEY

The B.B.C. has declined the British Fascists' request that Sir Oswald Mosley and other members should take part in the forthcoming series of political broadcasts. Sir Stephen Tallents states in the B.B.C.'s reply that "this series has been arranged for only the Government and the two principal Opposition parties, and is confined to members of the Commons."

Fascists have no members in Parliament.

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SOMETHING "NEVER TO FORGET"

Elephants of the Addo Reserve (Port Elizabeth, South Africa) are going to get the shock of their lives. A plan to electrify the boundary fence to prevent the animals from straying is under way—following complaints by farmers.

NO GAS DRILL FOR SCHOOLS

Middlesex Education Committee has decided against gas-mask drill being given to scholars under its control.

The Earl of Arran is to call attention in the Lords on March 29 "to methods by which payment of taxes and death duties can be avoided, legally."

INVISIBLE GNATS PLAGUE

North Somerset is suffering from a plague of gnats, which are so small as to be almost invisible. The unseasonably warm sunshine has brought them out.

Finding that they have been tricked by the weather into a world which gets very cold at night, the gnats seek warmth indoors, particularly in clothing.

They bite human flesh most vigorously in their temper at being awakened for a second time when the world and his wife starts dressing in the morning.

"Anti-insect-bite preparations have made record sales recently," a Weston-super-Mare chemist, said.

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"BOMB" IN DEALERS' YARD

Police are inquiring among rag dealers in South London following the discovery of a "bomb" made from an 18-pounder shell case in the yard of a firm of rag and scrap-metal merchants in Elmington-road, Camberwell, S.E.2.



GAS MASKS WITH BUILT-IN PHONES.—A gas mask has just been designed in Germany complete with built-in telephone transmitter. It has a short connector-cord which plugs into the normal telephone transmitter and the earphones are designed to keep out poison gas. This means that vital services and business where the telephone is essential will not be interrupted in the event of gas attacks. Photo shows the new gas-mask with telephone equipment in use.

FIRE IN NEW BATTLESHIP

The fire which broke out in the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales, under construction at Cammell Laird's shipyard, Birkenhead, was confined to sacking and planks and the damage was negligible, but two firemen were overcome by fumes and taken to hospital unconscious.

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LIKELY TO LEAD WORLD

A display of the Army's latest weapons and equipment was given before a party of peers and M.P.s at Mile Hill, Aldershot, the other day. The view is expressed that by the end of the year the British Army will be leading the world in equipment.

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QUEEN MARY'S FASHION HINT

Queen Mary, who visited the textile section of the British Industries Fair, suggested different colour schemes for day, afternoon and evening late frocks.

"You've
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Fussy about their training
—fussy about who rides them. Personally I find it's the
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These Test Matches in South Africa became as tedious as anything that occurred in England last summer. Sometimes one fancied that the battles won on the playing-fields of Lord's and Oval must have been those of Fabius Cunctator. One yawns, too, at the damnable iteration of Bradman's centuries in Australian inter-State matches. If all Australia cannot now produce a better team of bowlers than those on view over here in 1938 the level of bowling in State matches must be so pitiable that it is a total waste of time for Bradman to go in. Why not toss up as to whether his innings shall rank as 200 or 300 and leave it at that?

Really these international games, which might be written off as unfinished before they are begun, these endless aggregations of runs, these scourings and slaughterings of second-rate bowlers on first-rate wickets, are like to be the obsequies of the game. Hutton's gigantic innings at the Oval last August gave immense employment to the statisticians, but it bore a frightening resemblance to a funeral march. Its last hundred or so of runs were like a coping-stone on the monument of Big Cricket. The little game, the club and league and village sport, is safe. But I for one, who used to find some pleasure in watching first-class cricket, scarcely ever go near it now and certainly never afflict myself by attending a Test Match. If the Test Match has a time-limit of four days, the side which loses the toss has nothing to work for, under present conditions and in normal weather, save a drawn game, which it most zealously and triumphantly does. If there is no time-limit you just watch a couple of batsmen settling in for the autumn.

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They will have in time to alter the conditions: already they have altered the rules a little, but it does not seem to help. It is not my function to discuss the nice adjustments of gravel, marl, and clay. If indeed it be the groundsman who has manslaughtered, if not deliberately murdered, the bowler, he must be put under restraint while cricket rediscovers its youth on a plain patch of meadow. Cricket really has everything on its side. It takes a great deal to keep an Englishman away from a cricket field, but apparently it can be done, and somebody, perhaps not the groundsman only, is doing it. At present only water from above seems capable of enlivening big

cricket. Too much water can be as fatal to a cricket match as to the core. But Ophelia. But just enough is a tonic, at last. It is now accurate to talk of cricket being rained on as well as off.

There is much ebb and flow of fashion in spectatorship, and just at present we are witnessing some very interesting developments. The two Footballs, when played by the best, remain the surest attractions. Glasgow's collection of 120,000 to see Celtic and Rangers do battle for club and creed on New Year's Day was colossal, and the Rugby match between England and Wales packed Twickenham, where a mere 60,000 marks the feasible, squeezable limit of human concentration. The rules of Rugby Union Football could certainly be altered with justice and advantage: the penalty goal should count less than a try. After all, it is often a matter of a split second whether a move was an offence or not, and by the vagaries of the referee's decision many a match is settled. A free kick in front of goal for some dubious trifling offence is far too heavy a punishment; many a great conflict has been settled in this aggravating way. The lawgivers

There are many turning indoors.

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spectacles. Bad is now a music-hall game and by admission a Command Vari show put up by the London Palladium. Badminton. If ballet which the import into the mixed foursome extremely inge



BALLET DANCERS TO PERFORM BEFORE
President and Madame Lebrun will witness a ballet company have been busy rehearsing at Sadler's Wells. Herbert Helpmann leaping in front of ballet girls du

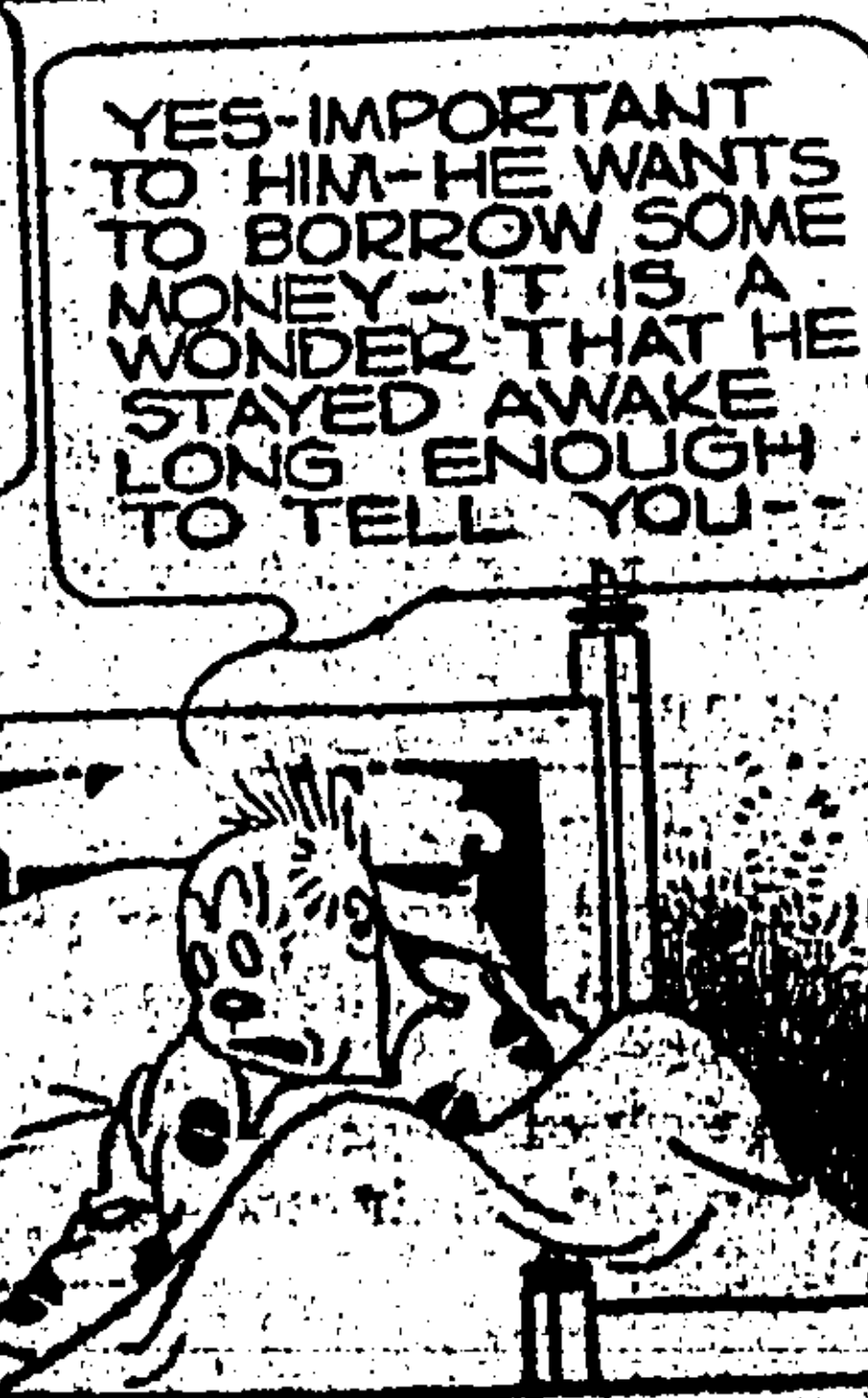
Bringing Up Father

DADDY—DID YOU KNOW THAT MOTHER'S BROTHER STAYED HERE LAST NIGHT? HE SAID HE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT THIS MORNING—

YES—IMPORTANT TO HIM—HE WANTS TO BORROW SOME MONEY—IT IS A WONDER THAT HE STAYED AWAKE LONG ENOUGH TO TELL YOU—

I'M GONNA GIT UP AN' GIT OUT BEFORE HE GIT UP—HE WON'T GIT UP UNTIL SOMEONE WAKES HIM—AN' THEN HE'LL ONLY STAY AWAKE LONG ENOUGH TO EAT—

I'LL GIT ME BATH AND BE OUT OF THE HOUSE BEFORE HE GIT'S A CHANCE TO WAKE UP—



By G

MARCH 23, 1939

W OF GAMES



KING AND QUEEN.—The King and Queen and performance at Covent Garden this week. The is, where this picture was taken. Photo shows Ro- ng a rehearsal of one of the striking dances.

acrobatic turns, whose marvels are also a mystery. The ordinary person in a music-hall is not a gymnast and does not know how incredibly difficult are some of the simpler-looking feats which scarcely elicit a single "hand." The best spectator is the man who knows the elements of the game, and how many of us have ever tried our feet on the slack wire, our hand on the flying trapeze, or our entire persons as the base or apex of a family pyramid? But most of us have ping-ponged it in our time.

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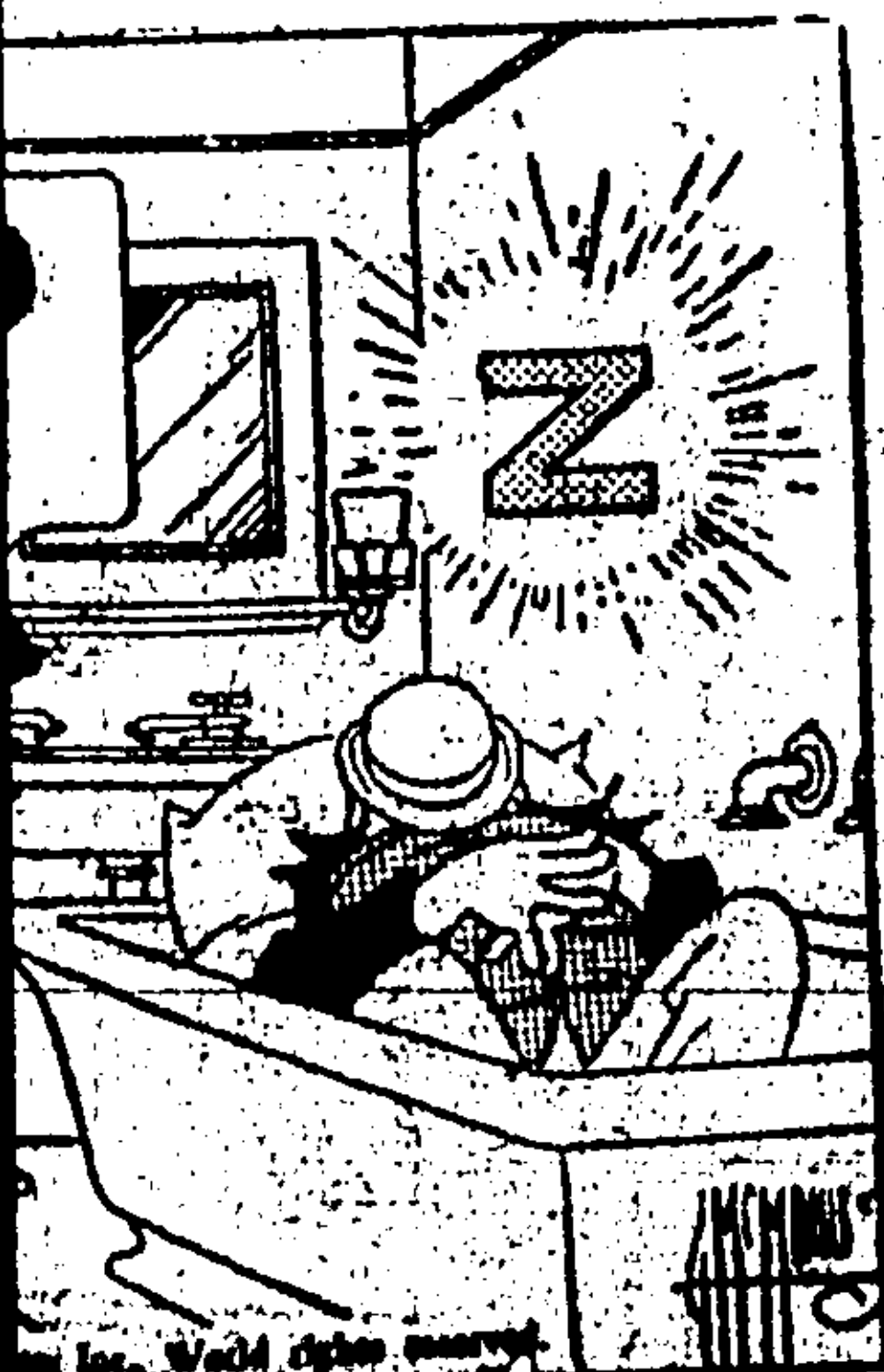
Ice-skating, Ice-hockey, and Ice-music-hall-shows have become familiar dazzlers. London, amid the broad acres of Earls Court, has recently added skiing to the list of spectator-sports. There are enough winter-sporters to create an experienced audience with some apprehension of the fine points. There is also Basket-ball, which here is mainly left to girls' schools but in New York is played on the Hippodrome stage to enormous crowds and with enormous display of male professional dexterity.

Meanwhile "snooker" has gained hugely at the expense of billiards, being quicker more eventful, more picturesque, altogether better suited to an age of speed and fidgets. Then Darts have had a sudden rise in status. Did not a sporting parson recently pronounce the text of his address to be Samuel I, Double Top —i.e., "X2, 20" In that verse of Scripture Jonathan observes: "And I shot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark." Plainly three darts. The dart-board is naturally too small to make an effective spectacle on a stage, but its lack of size just suits the restricted field of television. There again a new phase of spectatorship is opened up. The miniature games may now become the favourites for the new screen. Why not, for example, for Television—a close-up of the Spillikins Wimbledon, or whatever it is that Spillikinsmen call their high tournament of the steady hand? With general increase of leisure these are great times for sports and pastimes, both played and watched. The rivalry grows keener, and the cricketers, who think that they can take any liberties with public patience, must be careful. There is a tide in the affairs of games.

ally conservative minton, with a special line of last-minute saves which are cleverly made to look even more astonishing than they really are. The neatness of the tricky footwork magnifies the distances covered in order to make the startling recovery of the shuttle. The London Coliseum recently had Mr. Henry Cotton for its star turn, and Mr. Cotton's serious demonstration of golfing strokes might have been deemed too grave a matter for vaudeville surroundings: but no, he was such a favourite that his visit was prolonged. Swing, it seems is in fashion, and not in dance music only. Now the Coliseum is offering table-tennis, a vastly athletic matter, with terrific drives on the one hand and much diving and plunging and miraculous scooping of the ball off far-distant floors upon the other.

It may or may not be necessary to have microphone commentators roaring explanations and exhortations and generally "plugging" music-hall games. What is surely obvious is that these athletic displays of skill in games which we ourselves more clumsily practise are really much more interesting than the usual

George McManus



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Herring and their chief rival for favour, cod's roes, are the basis of many good and sustaining breakfast, luncheon and supper dishes and piquant fillings for sandwiches or "spreads" for toast. They are inexpensive and in a number of cases make suitable dishes for the

nursery and for the invalid or elderly people who require fare that is easily digested.

Mackerel roes are served in fair number, a few readers recommend the roe of turbot, and some interesting methods of preparing carp's roe have been received from readers in country districts.

It is in the immensely varied treatments of roes that this week's

A favourite dish in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, where roe is eaten in large quantities, is a baked roe pie. Line a pie-dish with pastry, fill with alternate layers of roe and previously partly boiled onions. Sprinkle with herbs and pour on $\frac{1}{4}$ -pint milk. Grate cheese over thickly, and finally cover with a deep layer of thinly sliced potatoes. Bake till potatoes are brown-

out breaking and put into little paper cake cases, with chopped parsley, brown bread crumbs, salt, a little pepper, and dots of butter. Make very hot in oven, but be careful not to brown the paper cases. Send to table with maitre d'hotel or a piquant sauce, as preferred.

A SOUFFLE

Boil about $\frac{3}{4}$ lb of cod's roe, and when cold pound well. Mix together with a cupful of breadcrumbs, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, salt and pepper, the finely grated rind and juice of a lemon. Add two

Choice Of Economical

competition entries have sprung a surprise. Roe cookery does not end with the popular soft roe on toast or even with sliced cod's roe, egg and bread-crumbed and fried to a golden brown.

Blanch a good cod's roe in water to which a little vinegar and a bouquet garni have been added. Put the roe into a saucepan with a large lump of butter, a few shell-ed prawns, a handful of tiny button onions, a bay leaf, and a tablespoonful of finely chopped parsley. Pour over sufficient fish stock to cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

When cooked take the roe out of the saucepan, trim it and cut it into neat pieces, mix it with the prawns and place in a serving dish to keep warm.

Remove saucepan from stove and stir in quickly the well beaten yolks of two eggs and the juice of a small lemon. Season rather highly and stir over a low flame until the sauce has thickened, but on no account must it boil.

Pour this sauce over the roe and sprinkle with finely chopped fennel, or parsley. Serve with plainly boiled cauliflower.

In making a useful selection of recipes this week a certain number of representative dishes have been included in addition to those that are out of the ordinary run. This applies particularly to mixtures to be used as sandwich fillings or spreads and to souffles.

ed, and it will be found pastry and contents are cooked. Any roe can be used.

SAVOURY TARTLETS

Line small patty pans with puff pastry, bake them lightly; take out the paste in the middle and fill with the following mixture: Melt in a saucepan 1oz. butter, stir in 1 heaped teaspoonful flour, 1 table-spoonful good stock and $\frac{1}{2}$ -teaspoonful anchovy essence; season

well-beaten yolks of eggs, and milk to mix. Whisk the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and fold gently into the mixture.

Pour into a buttered mould, cover with greased paper, and steam for one hour. Turn out and serve with parsley sauce.

ROE SAUSAGES

One pound cooked cod roe, one teacupful fine breadcrumbs, half teacupful milk (or cream), two

Surprise Dishes

with coralline pepper and salt; then add the finely chopped yolks of 2 hard-boiled eggs and 6 herring roes. Put a teaspoonful of mixture in each tartlet, cover quickly with beaten white of egg, and return to the oven till lightly browned. Serve at once.

SANDWICH SPREAD

Poach $\frac{1}{2}$ lb herring roes in milk and water for 15 minutes. Drain well, and mash with a fork till quite smooth, then add 1oz of softened butter, salt and cayenne pepper to taste, and either 1 teaspoonful chopped capers or 2 teaspoonfuls chopped gherkins. Spread between slices of brown bread and butter.

This sandwich filling, although a delicacy, is economical, and when made will keep in a cool place for two or three days.

FOR MACKEREL ROES

Mackerel roes (soft) are delicious when broiled carefully with-

eggs, one teaspoonful chopped parsley, one teaspoonful mixed herbs. Brown crumbs, lemon juice to taste, pepper, salt and paprika.

Flake roe well after removing every trace of skin. Put in a basin, add parsley and so on. Beat in the eggs and milk. Mix all together and shape into little sausages. Coat with milk. Roll in brown crumbs. Fry the sausages a rich brown in deep fat. Serve with potato crisps or chips. Or they can be served on hot buttered toast.

SOFT ROE CREAM

Pound $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of soft roes previously cooked in water flavoured with carrot, onion, vinegar, bay leaf and parsley. Mix with a little butter, a pinch of mustard, cayenne, a drop of lemon juice and a little whipped cream. Spread on buttered white toast. Heat under the grill a minute. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

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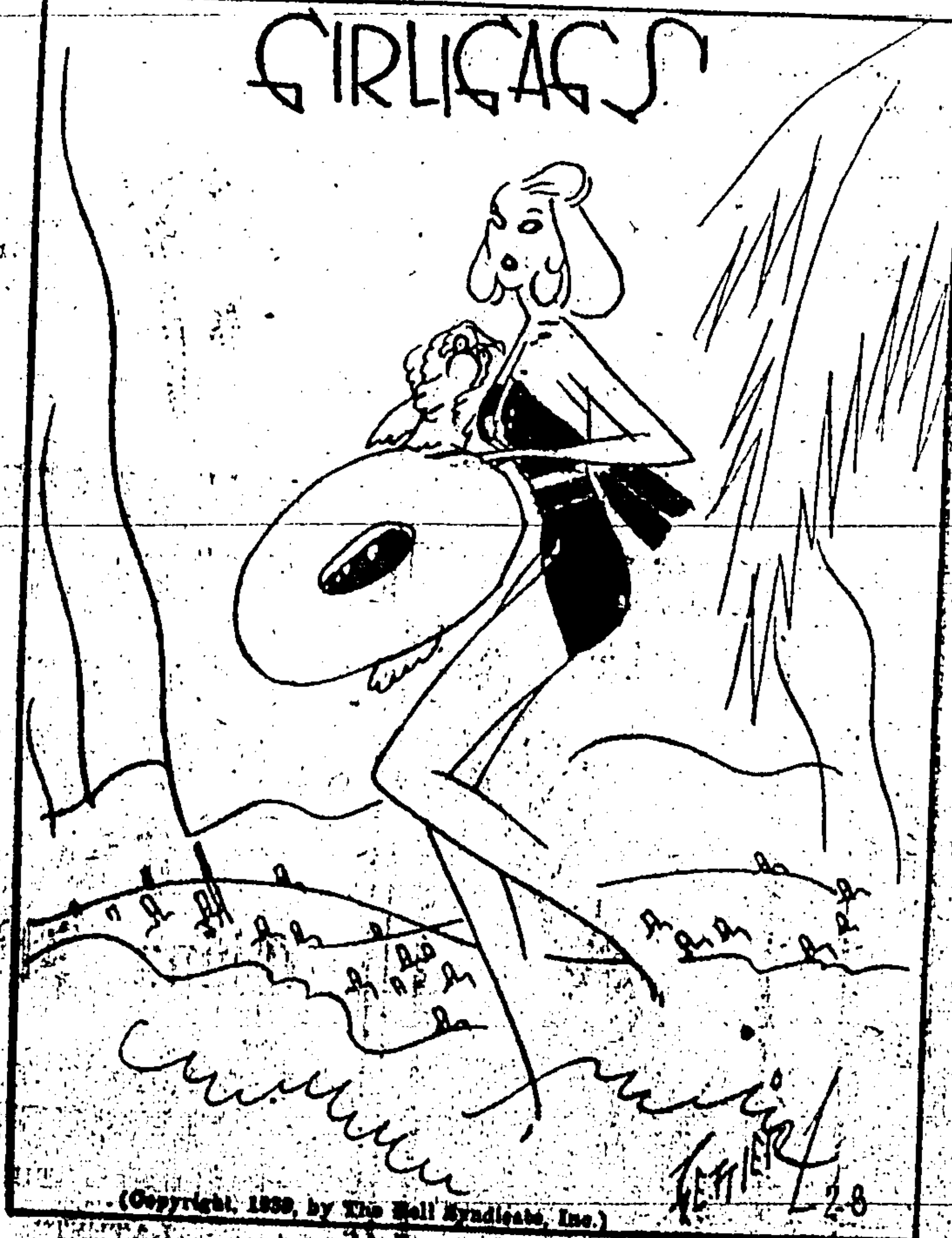


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A thorough washing removes all the body secretions which are waste, and the accumulated dust and dirt brought to it by your hands and the air. A good soap serves as an antiseptic to prevent one tiny pore infection from spreading over the entire face.

There are a few women who cleanse their faces with creams and tonics only, and who claim that soap and water washing dries their skin. But they are far in the minority for most skins keep younger looking longer and are more refined in texture if they are washed scientifically at least three times a week. Most textures should be washed daily unless they are noticeably blemished from one cause or another.

The soap you use should be completely free of alkaline and borax or contain the minimum amounts of those two ingredients. It is well to keep it separate from your hand and bath soap, in a clean dish or container.

FOLLOW THIS METHOD

Put your face soap in a wire shaker which you may buy in any five and dime store. Shake up frothy suds in a basin half filled with luke warm water.

After you have removed the city dirt with a good cleansing cream or lotion, dip your face over the suds and shampoo it gently but firmly with your hands, and pay particular attention to those areas of enlarged pores. On each side of the nose, under the lower lip, high on the cheek bones. Use the soap suds as you would a cream, lathering it with your finger tips. The good of the soap rises into the lather and any injurious ingredients fall.

Rinse your face well first with warm water, then with cold. Alternate in this fashion for several minutes to exercise the skin pores. You may use a face cloth for your ears and the back of your neck if you find it difficult to wash those areas with your hands.

Dry your face with a soft linen towel — the older, the softer the towel! Do not scrub it dry with a turkish towel.

About once a week or ten days use a soft bristle completion brush instead of your fingers and at all times give your skin a thorough rinsing so no soap residue remains.

Such a washing should be done at night before you hop into bed and if your skin feels dry the next morning, rinse it with luke warm water and splash it with cold. Then apply a liquid protective lotion lightly before you powder.

Tougher skins should not require a protective lotion. A brisk massage with the hands should be sufficient to stimulate the natural skin oil.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Avoid making any sarcastic comment this day, particularly in the way of personal criticism. You are likely to discover that the average person you contact will be extremely sensitive and ready to misconstrue an ambiguous remark. Comparatively few people will be amenable to reasoning, so try to keep from placing yourself in a position that might involve you in a controversy.

"Make hay while the sun shines," for it will be a poor policy to procrastinate in any matter that can be attended to right away. A tendency to offer too many excuses, particularly in efforts to break engagements, is apt to prevail. Chairwarmers are likely to

have to sit a long time if they expect anything to come their way, this day. The go-getters will get the best results. Married and engaged couples, as well as those in love will find that an excess of dignity will be just as bad as a

lack of it, and in either case trouble may be started.

If a woman and March 23 is your birthday, you ought to have great determination, a logical mind and an unusual amount of self-confidence. Your outlook on life is apt to be very rational, helping to bring you contentment. You ought to have a peaceful disposition, and much sentiment. Success and prosperity may come to you through your activity as a real estate or insurance agent, journalist, playwright, actress, musician, educator or business executive. As a married woman, your home life should be a very happy one.

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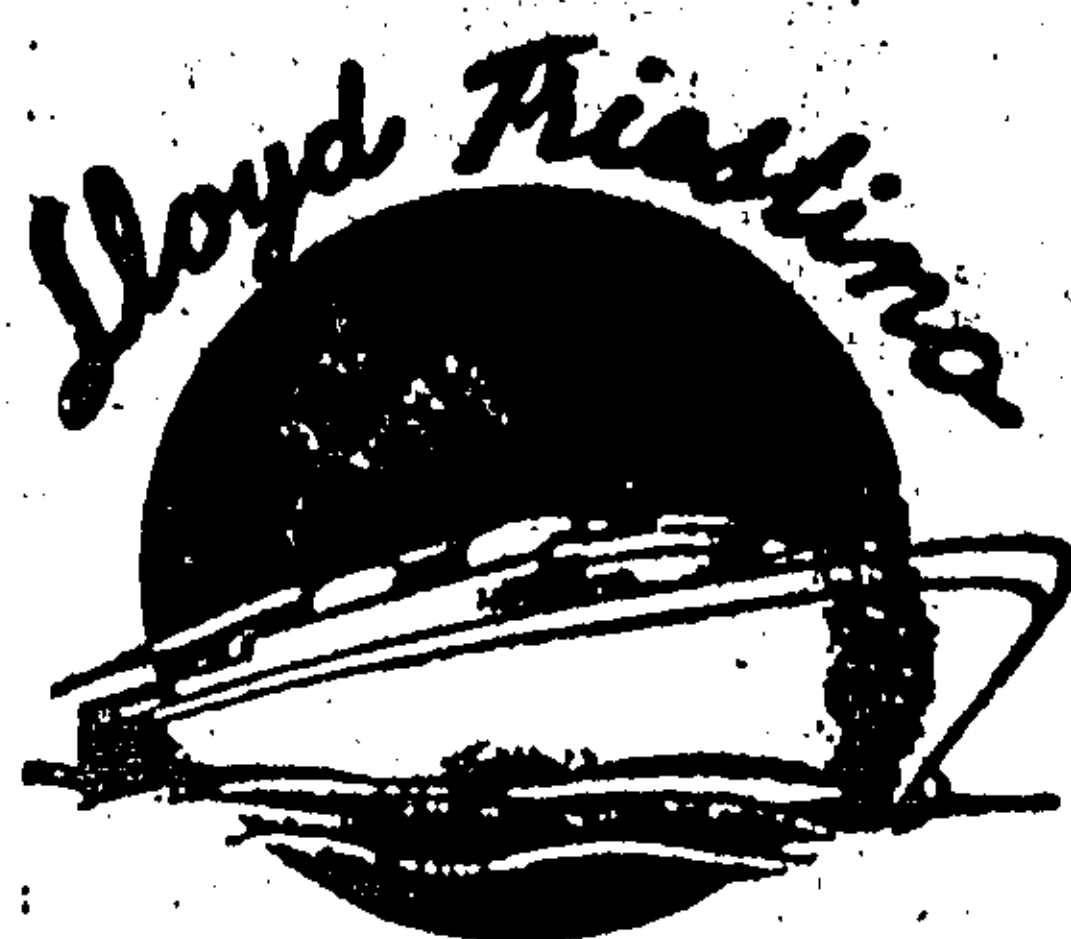
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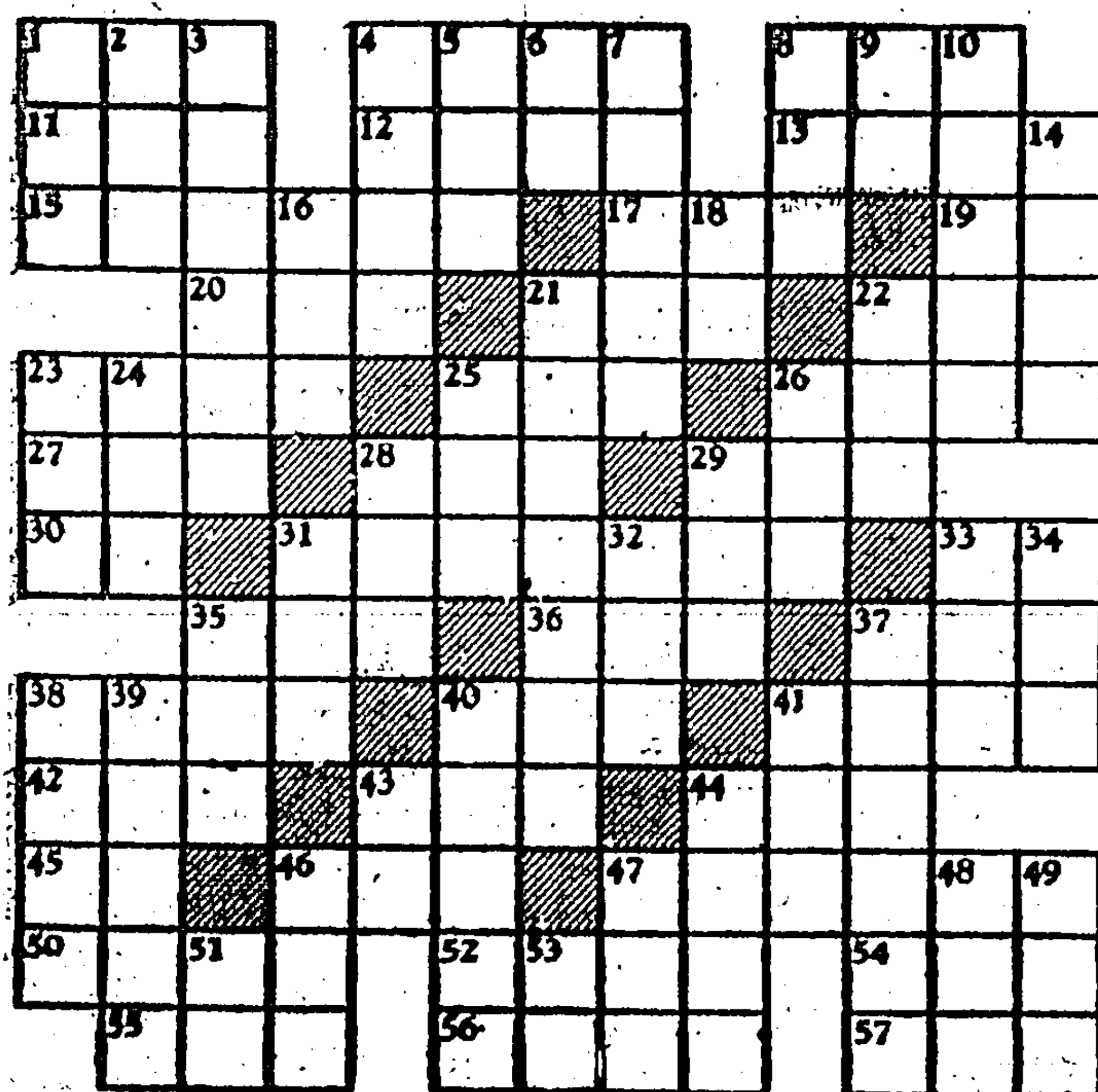
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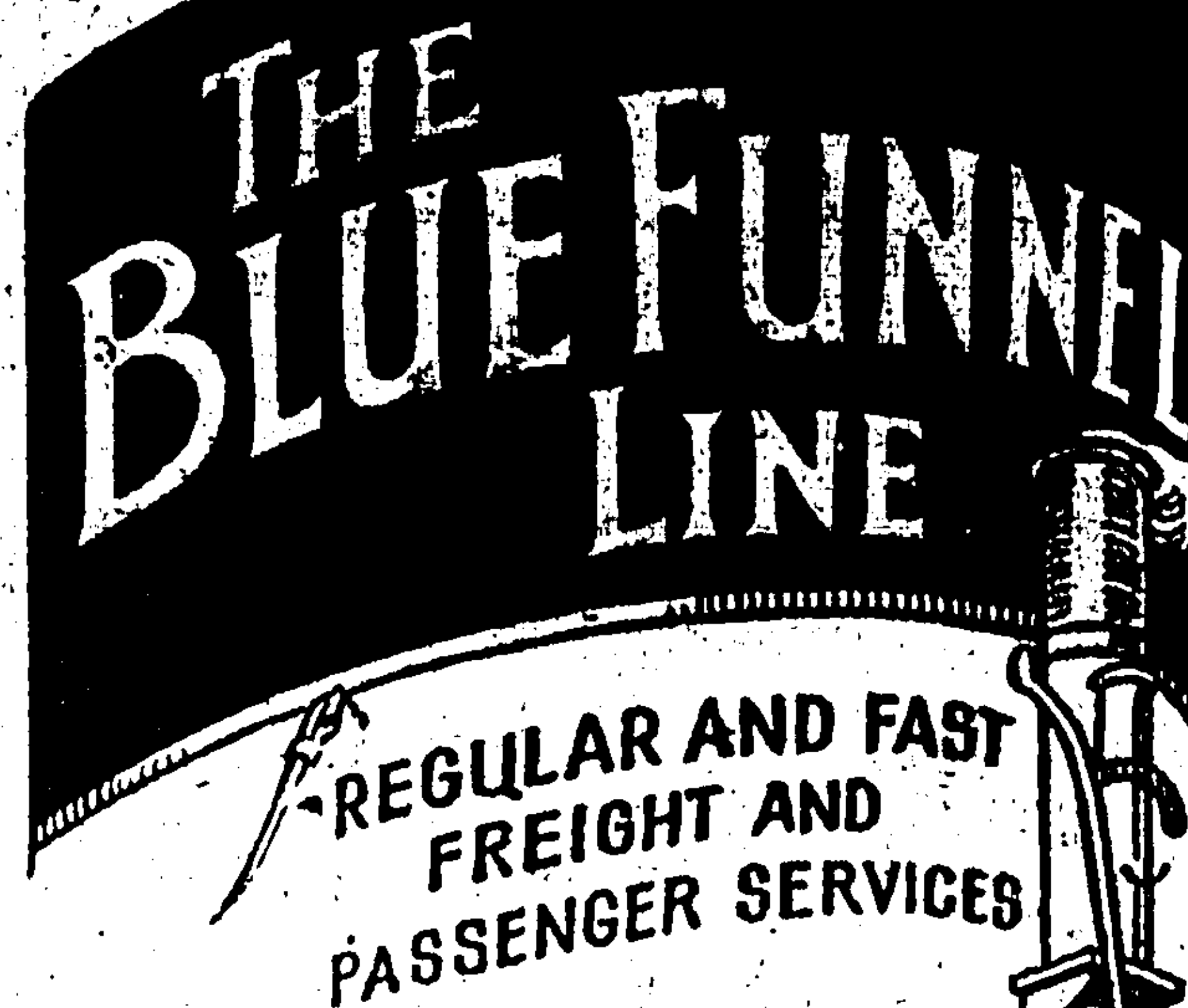
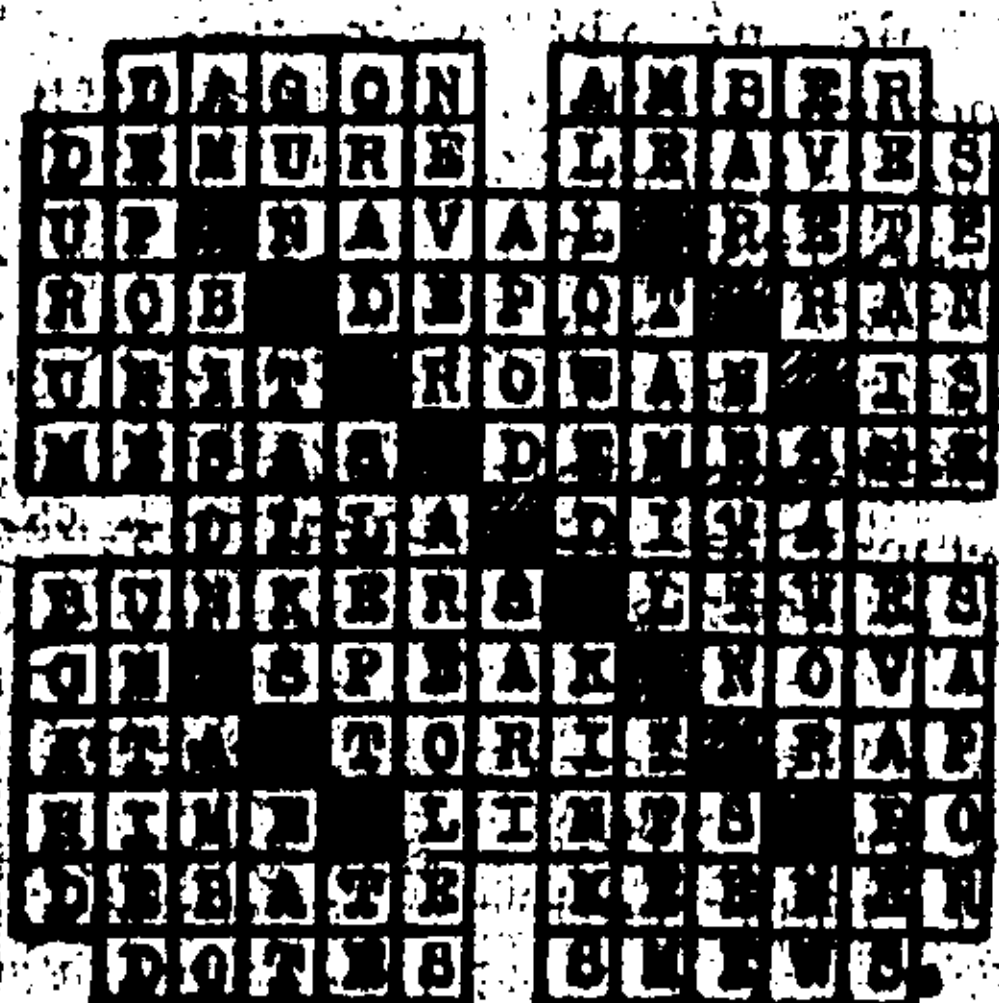
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WOMAN'S STORY IN PROSECUTION OF SAPPERS

Evidence in the case in which Sappers William, John Gardner, David E. Alison and Thomas Marney of the Royal Engineers, are charged with assault was heard this morning by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The case was again adjourned. Ip Ming-chun, complainant, said he was standing outside No. 158, Lockhart Road when four Europeans, two in civilian clothes and two in uniform approached and asked if he wanted to fight. One kicked him. His wife came out and she was attacked by them.

The wife said that when her husband called, she went out. She saw three men attacking her husband. She went to pull her husband away and was assaulted.

The men ran and she followed, but they scattered. She followed one towards the Naval Canteen. There she met a Police officer and while talking she saw some men walking on the opposite pavement and pointed to them as the men who had attacked her.

ASSAULT CASE DISMISSED

Private F. Tully, of the Royal Scots, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with assaulting a police constable (D203) and a motor driver, Pang Yu, at Stubbs Road, on Monday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. It was alleged that defendant, with two others, engaged Pang's car from the Dreamland Dance Hall, in Hennessy Road, at about 1 a.m. and asked to be driven them to the Peak. Arriving at the Peak Tram station in Stubbs Road, defendant and the others, got out and walked off without paying the fare. Pang followed and demanded the fare and, it was alleged, one of the soldiers struck him on the face. Pang blew a police whistle and D203 who came up, was struck.

The constable and Pang later informed Sergeant Parnell of Gough Hill Station, and charged defendant next morning.

Mr. Houston dismissed the case, owing to the unsatisfactory evidence of the driver.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 26th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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RECEIVERS HEAVILY FINED

A juvenile, and Chan Chung, 18, were this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with stealing a hand bag containing a wrist watch, a cigarette case a dividend warrant and some papers at Happy Valley.

Chan Chung was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Yeung Ping, a shop foki and Pung Ying, a shopkeeper, were charged with receiving the watch. The former was fined \$200 and the latter \$250.

Mrs. F. Webb, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association was the complainant. The hand bag was stolen while she was playing hockey at the Valley.

DANZIG DIET PROLONGED

Berlin, To-day.

The Danzig Senate has issued a decree prolonging the period of the Diet for another four years.

An announcement says that the composition of the Diet corresponds with the feeling of the population.

The Diet has 72 seats, of which the Nazis hold 70. — Reuter.

COLLISION CLAIM ADJOURNED

A sequel to a collision between a motor-car, No. 245, of the Fei Hang Garage and motor-lorry No. 1749 on October 12, last, on Stanley Road was heard in the Summary Court this morning when damages amounting to \$55.50 was claimed by Woo Chung, proprietor of the Fei Hang Garage, from Tsoi Potin, owner of the motor-lorry.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. D. V. Evans while Mr. W. M. Brown appeared on behalf of defendant.

The case was adjourned after evidence was given by witnesses for both parties.

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SUICIDE OF WELL-KNOWN AUSTRALIAN

It was revealed this morning that Mr. G. E. Dudley, Secretary of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., whose death was reported in the morning papers, shot himself in his office at 4.10 p.m. yesterday.

Police and all connected with the matter are extremely reticent.

It is stated authoritatively however, that Mr. Dudley shot himself in the presence of Mr. Donald Black, the auditor, and the manager of Bailey's, Mr. A. A. Dand.

Mr. Black had been talking to Mr. Dudley and Mr. Dand was just entering the room when the deceased took a revolver belonging to the office from a drawer and shot himself.

The late Mr. Dudley, who was 48 years of age, was born at Seven Hills, South Australia, at the outbreak of war joined the Australian Light Horse and saw service at Gallipoli and in France.

After the war Mr. Dudley was connected with various commercial enterprises in Australia and later spent some years in the South Seas managing copra plantations. In 1932 he came to Hong Kong from New Guinea to take up the post he held until his death.

Mr. Dudley was a foundation member of the local Anzac Society and a member of the Committee since its inception, having been elected this year President of the Society. He was prominent in local Masonic circles and was Past Senior Warden of Eastern Scotia Lodge, and Third Principal in the Naval

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

I, Henrique da Luz of Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship, "LEE HONG" of Hong Kong, Official number 159,412 of gross tonnage 1097.29 tons, register tonnage 674.45 tons, heretofore owned by Li Sheng, 22 Pottinger Street, Hong Kong for the permission to change her name to "CHUNGSHAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

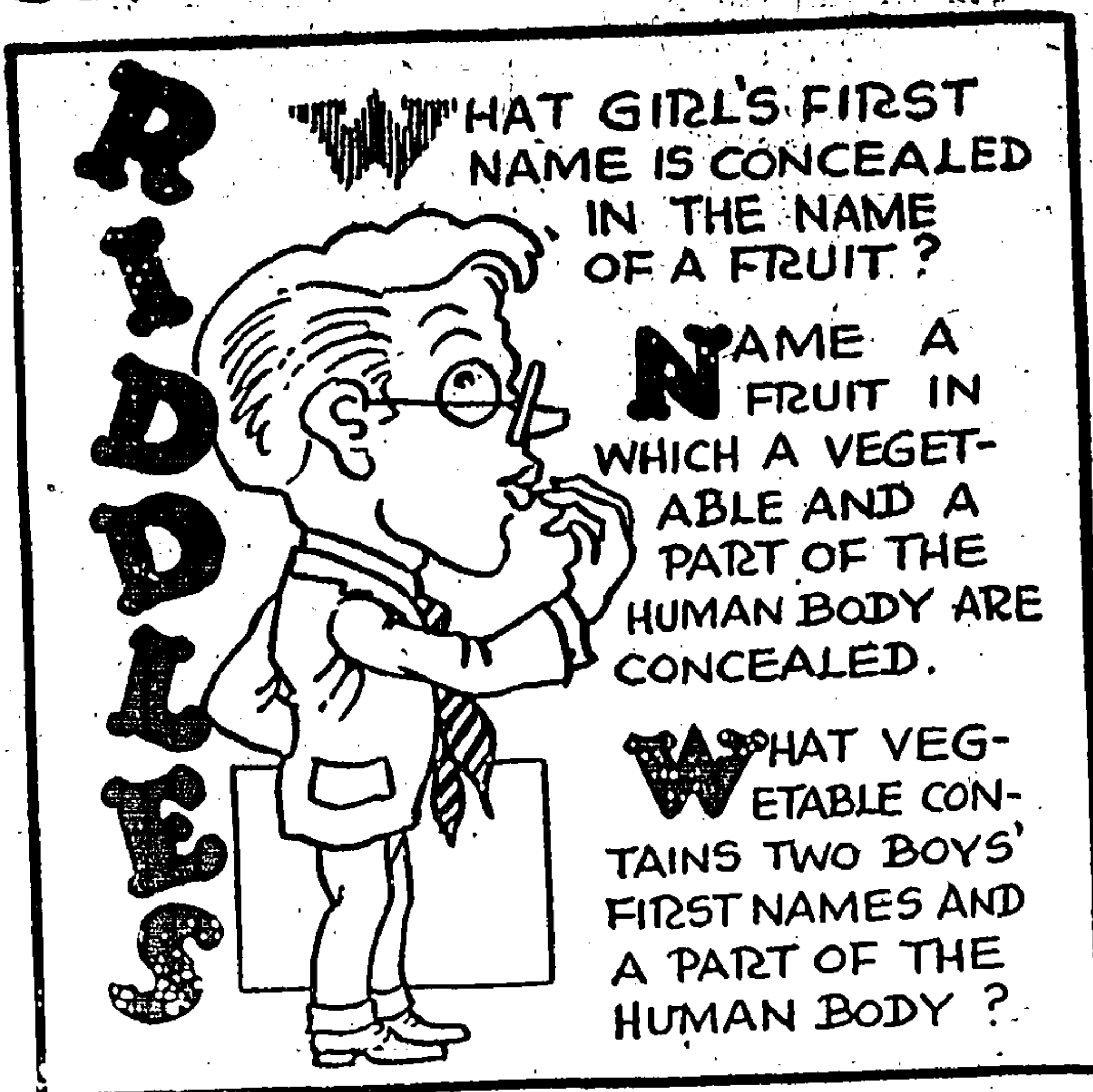
Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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and Military Chapter. He was District Grand Inner Guard of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Treasurer of Eastern Scotia.

Mr. Dudley leaves a widow, resident in Hong Kong, and a son, G. S. Dudley, who is at present in Penang where he is attached to the Hume Pipe Company.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

MR. MACDONALD AT THE PALACE

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace last evening.—British Wireless.

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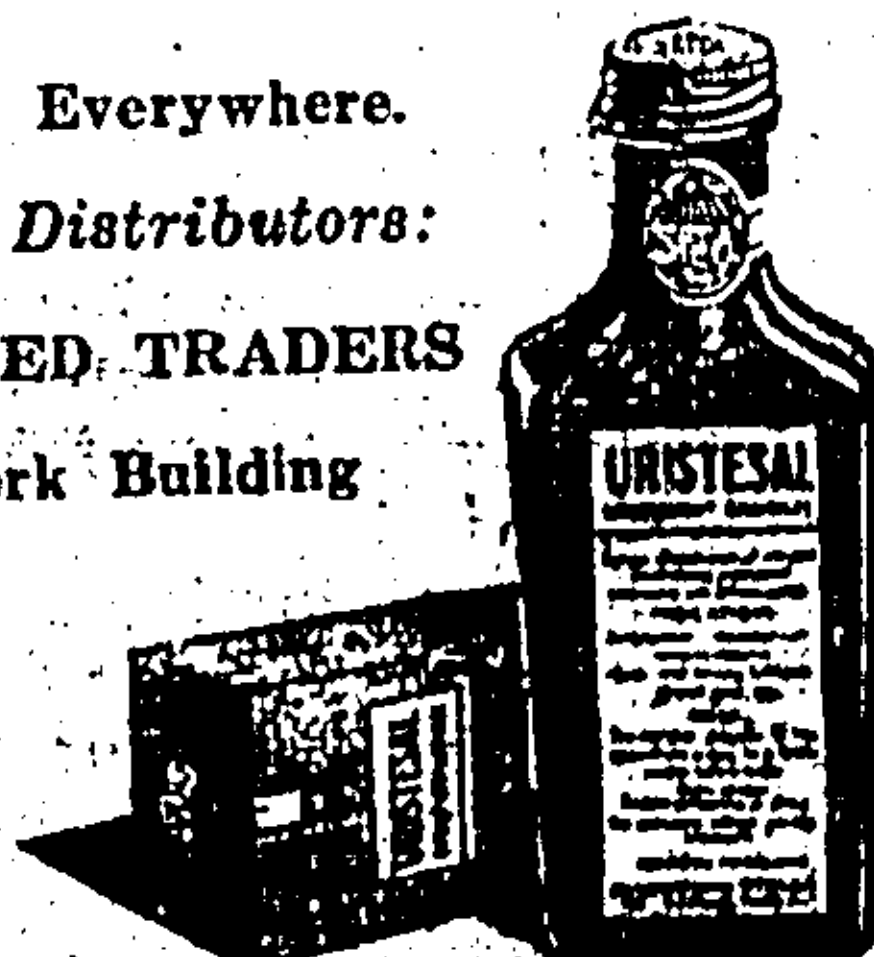
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St. Joseph's Lacked Finish

South China 'A' Secure Valuable Points

ELMS, CASTILHO AND CHEONG WING-CHOI SHINE

South China "A" secured a valuable pair of points in their First Division League encounter against St. Joseph's, at Caroline Hill yesterday, when they won by 5 goals to 1, although this score considerably flattered them.

St. Joseph's attack lacked that fire and spirit which has featured so many of their encounters this season and if they had taken their opportunities, South China might well have had to fight very hard for the points.

OUTSIDER WINS TURF CLASSIC

Squadron Castle's Fine Effort In Lincolnshire

London, To-day.

Squadron Castle, a 40 to 1 chance, yesterday won the Lincolnshire Handicap over one mile from Haic-yau Giff, backed at 100 to 6, while Dark Tolly, a 25 to 1 chance, was third. There were 38 starters, the race being won by one and a half lengths, while a neck separated second from third.

The Lincolnshire Handicap, which is always a gamble, was won by an outsider, the grey, Squadron Castle, which is owned by a bookmaker, and whose victory has helped fellow bookmakers in the fairly heavy betting on the race, as Squadron Castle was being coupled with several doubles with Grand National horses, but generally on small amounts.

Squadron Castle, which was fourth in last year's race, is the first six-year-old to win the Lincolnshire since King Of Clubs (100 to 1) win in 1926.

RECORD FIELD

The starters provided a record field of 38 runners, beating the 36 starters in 1932 and 1881.

The field got off to a good start in fairly good going. Domaha, which was joint favourite at 7 to 1 with Zaimis, led the field until a furlong from home, when it suddenly dropped back, and Squadron Castle, with an extra burst of speed, won a thrilling race by 1½ lengths.

The draw for positions plays a great part in the Lincolnshire, as was exemplified in the first three, who drew very good positions.

It was noticeable that Zaimis shortened in the betting from 22 to 1 to 7 to 1 when the draw was announced.

Squadron Castle's time for the race was 1.48.0.—Reuter.

Saints commenced with only 10 men, Delgado being five minutes late, but they held their own against the Chinese in the opening exchanges.

Cheong Wing-choi gave another confident display between the sticks, while Lee Ting-sang impressed with first time clearances, although he was beaten for the ball on several occasions during the closing stages.

Leung Wing-chiu made a steady and sound pivot, swinging the ball away to his right and left wings with great accuracy, while he rarely gave Delgado an opportunity to break away on his own.

Leonard was wasted in the centre-half berth for Saints, and they would probably have increased their score if he had changed places with Delgado after the interval.

POOR FINISHING

Rocha and Pereira, Saints' right-wing pair, were very dangerous, but the latter's finishing touches were weak.

With South China "A" concentrating on their right-wing, Elms could give very little help to the Gomes-Alves left-wing pair and as a result they did not receive as much of the ball as anticipated.

South China took the lead in the seventh minute when Lai Shiu-wing made a grand opening for Lau Tau-man, the Chinese left-winger whose parting shot had Hussain well beaten.

SUCCESSION OF BLUNDERS

Tang Kwong-sum increased their lead shortly after with a terrific drive and just before the interval Lai Shiu-wing chalked up the home team's third goal with a rasping drive, which glanced off the upright.

The second half saw a succession of blunders by St. Joseph's forwards although Rocha, who was now leading the attack, ultimately found South China's net with a good shot. South China were never in any danger of losing, however, for although their backs grew erratic, Saints' finishing was very poor. Further Chinese goals were added by Lee Yan-leung and Tang Kwong-sum, the inside right and outside right, respectively.



Above is the successful Women Undergraduates 3rd-6th year team, which won the Women's Inter-Hostel Relay. They are Miss J. Anderson, Miss P. Chan, Miss C. Y. Lai and Miss F. Salmon. ("China Mail" photo).

N. Beltrao Invited To Complete Interport Soccer XI

At the meeting of the League Management Committee of the Football Association last night, N. Beltrao, of St. Joseph's, was invited to complete the team to visit Manila at the end of next month.

The team will leave Hong Kong on April 28 by President Cleveland and return to the Colony on or about May 6, by the s.s. Taiping.

Mr. C. A. Goldenberg was elected the manager of the team, while Mr. C. Guingam was invited to accompany the team.

VITAL SENIOR GAME

An endeavour to arrange for the vital First Division game between South China "A" and Navy next week was not successful, and it was decided that the game be played on April 15, unless both teams mutually agree to play before that date.

The selection of the team against Macao was deferred, as it was uncertain to what extent the Annual Meeting of the Rifle Association would prevent service players from being chosen.

Army Sports Meeting Postponed

The Army Athletic Meeting which was to have been held to-day on the Boundary Street ground, has been postponed to a later date owing to the state of the ground. It is hoped that all those who had been invited to attend will be present on the day which will be notified later for the holding of the postponed championship meeting.

The ground being flooded by rain yesterday, the La Salle College annual sports will now be held on Saturday, March 25, on the College ground, commencing at 1 p.m.

The St. Stephen's College annual athletic sports will be held at Stanley on Saturday, March 25, commencing at 2.10 p.m. Mrs. Hsu Tishan will distribute the prizes at 5.30 p.m. Buses leave the Vehicular Ferry Pier at 1.30 p.m. and will return at 5.45 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.

KENNERLY RETAINS HIS BILLARDS TITLE

London, To-day.—Kingsley Kennerly, of Birmingham, yesterday retained his British Amateur Billiards Championship title when he beat A. Spencer, of Yorkshire by 4,423 points to 3,289.

Kennerly was runner-up in the recent British Empire Championship which was held in Australia last year.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN "Y" AND BIRMINGHAM SHARE SPOILS

Meet At Billiards And Snooker

European Y.M.C.A. last night entertained a billiards and snooker team from H.M.S. Birmingham. The visitors won the snooker by 34 points, but lost the billiards by 74 points.

Sykes, of the "Y" chalked up a 61 break against Spencer, during their billiards match, beating his opponent by 105 in 150 up.

Mne. Palmer, of the Birmingham, proved much too good for Timm, of the "Y", winning by 83 points to provide one of the big upsets of the evening.

Results were:

SNOOKER

Birmingham	European "Y"
Spencer	48 C. Champelovier 18
Taylor	24 Booth 45
Phillips	39 Lomaev 64
Palmer	74 Anstis 20
Strudwick	38 Carr 42
	223 189

BILLIARDS

Palmer	150 Timm	67
Bertwhistle	141 Eardley	150
Spencer	45 Sykes	150
Latimer	147 Burson	150
Taylor	110 Champelovier	150
	698	667

BADMINTON FIXTURE

The doubles semifinal match in the Colony Badminton championship between P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong and M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, will be played at Talko on Friday, March 31, and not Wednesday, March 29, as stated previously.

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SPARK SUCCEEDS HALIBURTON AT PRESTWICK

W. Spark, the Lanark Golf Club professional, has been appointed as professional to the Prestwick St. Nicholas Club, in succession to Tom Haliburton, who was recently appointed assistant to Henry Cotton at Ashridge.

A native of Montrose, Spark is a former boy internationalist. He turned professional in 1932 and went to Balmore, subsequently taking up his present post with the Lanark Club. Spark, who is in his 32nd year, was runner-up in the Scottish professional championship in 1933, and has played on several occasions for the Scottish professionals' team against the other home countries.

R.A.O.B. "A" LEAD H.B. DARTS LEAGUE

Latest Results

The following are the latest results in the "H.B." Darts League:—

Imperial "A"	v	M.T.B. "A"	
Whitehouse	2	Mitchell	1
Taylor	2	Smith	1
Gribble	2	Keenan	1
Pearson	2	Moore	0
Howe	0	Wilkie	2

Point	8	Points	5
Highest score.	Taylor 90.		1

R.A.O.B. (G.C.) "A"	v	M.T.B. "B"	
Curd	1	Moore	2
Little	1	Stonell	2
Redman	2	Prest	0
Hansell	2	Bassan	0
Funnell	2	King	0

Points	8	Points	4
Highest score.	Hannell 124.		2

M.T.B. "A"	v	Imperial "A"	
Mitchell	2	Howe	1
Keenan	1	Gribble	2
Moore	0	Pearson	2
Smith	0	Taylor	2
Wilkie	2	Whitehouse	0

Points	5	Points	7
Highest score.	Keenan 125.		3

M.T.B. "A"	v	Imperial "B"	
Dyer	1	Cheek	2
Smith	2	Marshall	0
Callagan	2	Wells	1
Blake	0	Black	2
Clare	2	Dodd	0

Points	7	Points	5
Highest score.	Clare 107.		2

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE			
	P.	W.	L.
R.A.O.B. (G.C.) "A"	8	22	18
Imperial "A"	6	21	9
M.T.B. "B"	8	21	19
M.T.B. "B"	7	17	18
Imperial "B"	7	14	21
R.A.O.B. (G.C.) "B"	6	11	19
Embassy	4	9	11

Highest finishes:—Funnell 104, Lumby 100, Hoare 91, Little 83.
Highest scores:—Little 135, Davis 135, King 132, Poole 131, Waterworth 128, Prest 127, Keenan 125, Hansell 124.

LIGHT BLUES' INTER-VARSITY GOLF VICTORY

London, To-day. Playing over the Sandwich course yesterday, Cambridge University beat Oxford University in the Inter-Varsity Golf contest by 9 matches to 3, with 3 halved.

Cambridge, who won Tuesday's foursomes by 3 matches to 1 with 1 halved, won yesterday's singles by 6 matches to 2 with 2 halved. — Reuter.

12 And 11 Victory In Glasgow P.G.A. Final FIRST ROUND OF 69!

(By AIR MAIL)

JACK M'LEAN'S DISPLAY IN DEFEATING GEORGE NEILL, OF WINDYHILL, BY 12 AND 11 IN THE GLASGOW P.G.A. MATCH-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL OVER KILLERMONT COURSE, NEAR GLASGOW, WAS ONE OF THE FINEST HE HAS EVER GIVEN.

He had covered the first eighteen holes in 69, by virtue of superlative driving and truly wonderful pitching. It is doubtful if any professional in Scotland could have withstood the flow of figures M'Lean shot at Neill. The Windyhill professional was beaten practically from the start, and he found himself eleven in arrears at the end of the morning circuit.

On this exhibition it can be said of M'Lean that he has not only regained his former coolness and judgment, but is now capable of producing match-winning shots with assurance and confidence. As he said at the finish, he needed only the stimulant of his victory over Mark Seymour to restore the belief in himself he had when an amateur. His figures were:—

MORNING
Out—3 4 4 2 5 5 3 4 4=34
In—4 3 5 4 3 5 3 4 4=35=69
AFTERNOON
Out—3 4 4 4 4 5 4

NEXT OBJECTIVE

M'Lean's next objective will be the Northern Open Championship at Nairn on April 26-27. He has mastered a recalcitrant putter that proved his undoing for so long, although yesterday it was not so much his putting skill as his pitching that enabled him to crush his courageous opponent.

He was 6 up at the turn, and the sixth gave an example of his newfound confidence. Here he made his one approach slip. It might have unsteadied him, but instead he sank the four yards putt with apparent ease.

GRAND PITCH

Try as he might, Neill could do nothing to hold him, and they went in for lunch with M'Lean 11 up. M'Lean holed a pitch from just off the green for a "birdie" 3 at the fourteenth. The only hole his adversary won in the forenoon was the eighth, the reward of a grand pitch against the pin which gave him his 8 against M'Lean's 4.

One cannot but praise the Windyhill professional for the gallant way he set off in the afternoon. With M'Lean a yard from the flag in 2, Neill rolled in a ten yards putt for a half in 3. Then he got down from seven yards to annex the twentieth in a 3 to a 4. It was of no avail, for after executing a perfect drive at the third, he whipped a spoon shot into a bunker and lost the hole. He made another thrust at the next, chipping stone dead from twenty yards off the green and taking the hole in a 3 to a 4, but against that he surrendered the next two holes, and a half at the seventh finished the match.



John Arnold, the Hampshire County cricketer and Fulham outside-left, was married on February 26 at Pear Tree Church, Southampton, to Miss Gladys Collins. They left the church after the ceremony under a most unusual archway of cricket bats and football boots, held by his team mates. Photo shows—A kiss for the bride. —(Copyright, Fox).

17 NATIONS MAY COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

(By AIR MAIL)

SIR George Thomas made an interesting statement recently when he revealed that a Badminton tournament, run on similar lines to that of the Davis Cup contest in lawn tennis, will be considered at a meeting of the International Federation in London in June.

This proposal has been mooted on several occasions during the past year or two, but has generally been held to be impracticable on various grounds.

BRADFORD CITY BEAT CREWE

London To-day. — Playing at home in the Northern Section of the Third Division, Bradford City defeated Crewe by 4 goals to 1. — Reuter.

SAINTS BEAT EUROPEAN "Y" AT BADMINTON

Weill And Kew Win All Three Matches

European Y.M.C.A. entertained a fairly representative team from St. Andrew's Club last night in a friendly badminton match and were defeated by 5 matches to 4.

M. Weill and H. Kew provided the outstanding performance of the evening, winning all three of their matches fairly comfortably, while conceding only one point to R. Johnston and E. Currys.

A. L. Fisher, formerly of the Free Lances, and J. Lamb, were the most successful home pair, winning two of their three encounters.

Scores were:

With 17 national bodies affiliated to the Federation, however, and badminton gaining a surer footing in nearly every country, the scheme may yet be deemed to be as feasible as it is desirable. There is certainly much to commend the idea, and further details will be awaited with interest.

LONG TOUR

It has also become known that the Badminton Association propose sending a team of four men and two women to tour Australia, New Zealand, the Malay Straits, America, and Canada—an innovation on interesting lines.

No announcement has yet been made as to the constitution of the team. The statement, however, has had the sequel in the news that R. C. F. Nichols may postpone his intended retirement in view of a possible tour as a member of the British team.

A. L. Fisher and J. Lamb (Y.M.C.A.) beat W. Knox and Lavery 21-8
beat A. S. Bliss and F. A. Broadbridge 21-10
lost to M. Weill and H. Kew 3-21
R. Johnston and E. Currys (Y.M.C.A.) beat Knox and Avery 21-8
lost to Bliss and Broadbridge 12-21
lost to Weill and Kew 1-21
F. V. Mills and L. Bennett (Y.M.C.A.) beat Knox and Avery 21-8
lost to Bliss and Broadbridge 14-21
lost to Weill and Kew 12-21

**NEW HIBERNIAN
FORWARD**

(By AIR MAIL)

Mr. W. McCartney, manager of Hibernians, visited Dundee and secured the signature of George Ross, of Dundee United. Ross signed for Dundee United from the local junior team Foothill Athletic, fully two months ago.

He played at centre forward for United, but against Forfar Athletic, he was watched on behalf of Hibs as an outside left, and made a favourable impression.

Ross, who is about 21 years of age, and stands 5 feet 10, is a strong, clever player.

**Jock M'Avoy's Convincing
Victory**

(By AIR MAIL)

Jock M'Avoy, British middle-weight champion, showed that he had fully recovered from his recent illness by defeating Tino Rolando (Italy) at Liverpool, the referee stopping the fighting in the ninth round of a ten rounds contest.

Just before the official intervened Rolando had been twice on the floor—the first time from a left hook to the body, and on the second occasion from left and right hooks to the jaw.

The Italian staggered to one knee

as the timekeeper counted ten, but the referee, Mr. Jack Dare, waved the boxers to go on. Rolando, however, was too weak to continue, and he fell back against the ropes, where-upon Mr. Dare stopped the bout.

The Italian took terrific punishment, particularly to the body, but he never gave up trying to land with a swing. M'Avoy boxed well, and expertly judged the moments to punch hard with his right. He was on top throughout.

**LONDON SCOTTISH TO
COMPETE IN
MELROSE "SEVENS"**

The London Scottish R.F.C. will enter a side for the Melrose seven-a-side tournament, which will take place on Saturday, April 8. This will be the fifth year that the London Scottish have competed, and they have never failed to reach the semi-final.

The London Scottish will also enter sides for the seven-a-sides at Twickenham on April 22, and tournaments organised by the Huddersfield Old Boys on April 29, and Park House R.F.C. on April 15.

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Motherwell And Hibernians Favoured For Scottish Cup Final

BUT CLYDE MAY ONCE AGAIN REPEAT UNEXPECTED

ACCORDING to recent results, Edinburgh's prospects of having Hibernians in the Scottish Cup final are quite bright. With Clyde as opponents on Saturday, the Easter Road men need only remember the club's most of famous cup victory, when Clyde were defeated 5-4 after leading 4-1 at the interval. That was in January 1934, but there will be no survivor of that tie on view at Tynecastle.

Mahon's Brilliant Display

Blackburn Beaten In Cup Replay

(By AIR MAIL)

Clem Stephenson, the Huddersfield Town manager, took a big gamble and it came off, and Huddersfield won their way into the semi-final of the English Cup at the expense of Blackburn Rovers, in the sixth round replay at Ewood Park.

Last September, Huddersfield paid a big fee for Mahon, the West Bromwich Albion outside-right, and in the first game he had the misfortune to break a leg. After a long absence, Mahon returned and figured in a few games with the reserves.

Mr. Stephenson took the chance of playing him in this important game, and Mahon responded in brilliant style. Not only did he score the first goal, and do all the spade work for the second, but his fine form made a great deal of difference to the Huddersfield front line.

RETURNED COMPLIMENT

The first Huddersfield goal, scored after half an hour, followed a period of heavy Blackburn pressure. Beasley broke clear on the left, and racing half the length of the field he sent a short, square pass to Mahon, who scored from close range. Ten minutes later Mahon returned the compliment, and from his unselfish pass Beasley scored.

The Rovers' goal came midway through the second half, Butt shooting through from the edge of the penalty area.

Following the victory of Huddersfield, the revised draw for the semi-finals on Saturday, March 25, is:—

Portsmouth v. Huddersfield Town at Highbury.
Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Grimsby Town, at Old Trafford, Manchester.

FULHAM SIGN EASSON

(By AIR MAIL)

Fulham have secured the transfer of James Easson, Portsmouth's Scottish international inside left. O'Callaghan, Fulham's regular inside left, was severely injured recently and Easson will probably deputise for him in the League side.

A few years ago Easson figured in an extraordinary incident. He was selected to play for England, but had to stand down when it was discovered that he was born in Scotland. Scotland honoured him by selecting him for the international match against Wales in 1933-34.

For their part, Clyde will have to sustain themselves with the knowledge of their fine win over Rangers. Like Hibernians' success over Alloa, their win over Third Lanark was not very impressive.

The other tie, of course, will be the more attractive, with Motherwell favourites as a result of their victory over Celtic. While their defence may be slightly suspect, there is greater variety and adaptability about the Lanarkshire side.

Aberdeen have seldom struck really good football form this season, and have been indebted for recent successes to the successful busting of their young leader, Pattillo.

EASILY DECIDED

The venues for the ties were fairly decided. Now that the "gates" are pooled, it was obviously to the benefit of all concerned that one match should be in Edinburgh, and it is just possible that the Scottish Football Association will decide that the match at Tynecastle should be either all-tickets or partly bookable.

Hibernians won their way to a final at Tynecastle before, when they defeated Third Lanark. They are the only one of the surviving clubs to have won the Cup, and with Miller, their captain and centre half-back, in fine form, they have a great chance of winning again, since it is within his powers to hold Martin (Clyde), Pattillo (Aberdeen), or the Motherwell inside men, the respective matchwinners of the other semi-finalists.

The semi-final ties in the Scottish Cup competition are as follows:—

HIBERNIANS V. CLYDE

At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh. Referee, P. Craigmyle, Aberdeen; linesmen, A. Livingstone, Dundee, and C. Brodie, Inverkeithing.

ABERDEEN V. MOTHERWELL

At Ibrox Park, Glasgow. Referee, J. M. Martin, Ladybank; linesmen, J. Flint, Paisley, and W. Hawson, Clarkston.

The ballot has decreed that each of the semi-final ties has an East of Scotland v. West of Scotland aspect.

HOME RUGBY MATCHES

London, To-day.

In the Rugby League to-day, the following matches were decided:

Leigh	9	Hallifax	9
St. Helens Rec.	2	Wigan	10
Leeds	18	Bradford	10
Liverpool	5	Featherstone	0

In a Rugby Union fixture, Clifton, at home, were beaten by Bristol by 26 points to nil.

Other matches scheduled for yesterday were not played.—Reuter.

OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE

Oxford beat Cambridge by five points to two in the annual inter-university match at Oxford recently. Cambridge were superior in the feather-weight and light-weight classes, but the Dark Blues won the bantam-weight and the heavier divisions.

TOTTENHAM SEND "EMPHATIC PROTEST" TO F.A.

(By AIR MAIL)

TOTTENHAM-HOTSPUR have sent an "emphatic protest," running into six hundred words, to the English Football Association against their action in arranging one of the English Cup semi-finals to take place at Arsenal Stadium, when Tottenham have a home League match on the same day.

An official of the Football Association stated that the protest, when received, would be considered.

Tottenham are due to meet Swansea Town in the League on Saturday (March 25) when the cup semi-final between Portsmouth and Huddersfield will be played at Arsenal Stadium.

Portsmouth's Defence Unbeaten

ANDERSON INJURED BUT WRECKS PRESTON'S CUP HOPES

PORTSMOUTH 1 PRESTON N.E. 0

IN every round of the Cup Portsmouth were drawn at home, and not until March 4 did they run up against a club in their own sphere of football, when they met Preston North End, who last April won the Cup by a penalty goal in the last minute of extra time against Huddersfield Town.

Mutch, the scorer, was in yesterday's Preston eleven, which included six other players who appeared in the Wembley final. Portsmouth went on to the field at Fratton Park without a goal scored against them in this year's Cup football.

The Portsmouth players all reported fit, and Preston also fielded their best side. A storming attack by Portsmouth brought an early thrill, but Preston soon revealed good footwork in which Mutch was the inspiration. Worrall showed up well for Portsmouth, but Preston had some trouble in arresting a move on the left wing initiated by Wharton.

DEFENDED WITH SKILL

The long kicking of Rochford helped in subsequent attacks. Walker smothered a sudden shot by Mutch after a throw-in, and when McIntosh placed a forward pass for Dougal, he put far too much strength into it. Next came another effort by the lively Worrall and Holdercroft twice punched out high centres.

Gallimore defended with skill for Preston. A shot by R. Beattie during a Preston attack was well off the mark, and neither team really had a good scoring opening during the first half hour. Portsmouth's worrying tactics gave Holdercroft plenty to do in the visitor's goal, and twice he saved from Barker during a lively five minutes.

SCORELESS FIRST HALF

There was no mistaking Preston's fine covering in defence. After Holdercroft had pushed away a header from Bagley, Parker shot for the corner, but the ball rolled outside the post. At length Preston made another attack in which R. Beattie shot, but Walker caught the ball safely.

Then Rochford took the ball well up before feeding Anderson; the Portsmouth leader headed back to Parker, but he then spoiled the move by getting off-side. A fierce drive from McAlinden went close and was the most dangerous scoring move up to the interval, which arrived without either side having scored.

ANDERSON'S GOAL

Following smart passing White raced through on Preston's right and shot high, but Walker saved well. Colliding with an opponent,

Anderson was cut over the eye, but he resumed after attention, and after seventeen minutes of the second half he scored for Portsmouth. A through pass from Guthrie provided the opening, and though Holdercroft came out, the Portsmouth centre shot past him.

Portsmouth exerted great pressure and McAlinden shot grandly on the run. They forced Preston on to defence and played at a great pace and with tremendous zest. The calmer, more methodical footwork of the Cup-holders gained much less progress.

Signs of uncertainty which showed in Preston's defence were not unexpected, and there never seemed any likelihood of the Cup-holders drawing level. Portsmouth won fairly and squarely, chiefly because of their wholehearted team spirit. Their defenders, especially Rochford and Rowe, were quick and thorough in their work.

KANE BEATS ITALIAN

(By AIR MAIL)

Brilliant left-hand hitting and upper-cutting gave Peter Kane, world fly-weight champion, a comfortable victory on points against Gino Cattaneo, Italian bantam-weight title-holder, over ten rounds at Liverpool.

Kane was making his second appearance in the ring since the operation to his right hand, and he gave proof that the amputation of the little right finger had not affected his punching powers. A terrific right upper-cut in the ninth round knocked Cattaneo half-way across the ring before the Italian went down for eight. Kane won every round against a game and quick-punching opponent, but Cattaneo erred sometimes by using the open glove.

In the seventh round, Cattaneo, who was as eager as Kane to force matters, was deceived by the Englishman's quick side-stepping, and he almost ran through the ropes. Cattaneo concentrated on a sharp counter-attack at the end of each round, and he always found Kane ready to join in, so that the fight contained many exciting moments.

The Italian took heavy punishment in the eighth, but he came back with a spirited attack which, however, Kane easily evaded.

"World Affairs" And Other London Relays

To-day's Wireless

First Two Acts Of "Il Trovatore"

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
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12-12.29 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
Beautiful Heaven (Ponce)... Hawaiian Guitar Duet by Ferera and Paaluh.
Tropical Hulas—Medley; On The Dreamy Moana Shore (Dyson)... South Sea Islanders.
Rock Me In A Cradle Of Kalua (Wending); Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting)... Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Trio.
12.47 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.
Ah! Maria Mari (Rusco-Di Capua); Guitarren Spielt Auf (Schmideder-Siegel); Heinie's Sing-Song (Kirsten, Richartz); Woodcutter's Song (Knorr, Beece).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Big Boy Blue; Ebony Shadows... Toddy Foster & His Kings Of Swing.
Fox-Trots—Me And The Moon; On A Coconut Island... Victor Young And His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—But Where Are You (film 'Follow the Fleet'); Let's Face The Music And Dance (film 'Follow the Fleet')... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trots—I Don't Want To Make History (film 'Palm Spring'); There Isn't Any Limit To My Love... Rudy Vallee & His Connecticut Yankees with Vocal by Rudy Vallee.
Fox-Trot—All My Life (film 'Laugh-

ing Irish Eyes')... Johnny Johnson & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Saint-Saens "Carnival Of The Animals" & other compositions. Carnival Of The Animals... Leopold Stokowsky and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
Le Cygne... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German).
Le Deluge—Prelude... Toscha Seidel (Violin) with Max Rabinovitch at the Piano.
"Samson And Delilah"—Selection... De Groot & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "Who's Hooper?" Book by Fred Thompson; Lyrics by Clifford Grey; Music by Howard Talbot and Ivor Novello. Adapted for the Microphone by Henrik Edge. Production by George

Baker.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Tito Schipa (Tenor).
La Camparsita—Tango.
Granadinas (Calleja-Rarrera).
Princesita (Palomero-Padilla).
8.13 p.m.—Francis Popy—Suite Orientale. Grand Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Weissmann.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—The B.B.C. Singers.
9 p.m.—London Relay—Variety with Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye (The Tiger Rag-a-Muffins).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by H. V. Hodson.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. "King Lear" Overture, Op. 4 (Berlioz)... conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
10.03 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Acts 1 & II. Bianca Scaciatini; Ida Mannarini; Corrado Zambelli; Francesco Merli; Enrico Molinari; Guisepina Zinetti; Enzo Arnaldi; Emilio Venturini and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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FROM CARDS VALUES
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KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 1
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"Dear Four Aces," writes Herbert Great-house of McMechen, West Virginia, "I wish to know if it is possible to make six spades on this hand with South as Declarer, assuming that a trump is opened. While I know that diamonds is the proper place to play the hand, it must be taken for granted that some pair of peculiar bidders actually arrived at this bizarre contract."

We immediately spotted this hand to be a double-dummy problem concocted by the old "maestro," Sidney S. Lenz. Mr. Lenz is noted for inventing fiendishly clever double-dummy problems, but this one seems to us rather easier than most. Here is how it is made:

On the trump opening South draws four rounds of trumps, discarding the club King and two hearts from the North hand. Next three top diamonds are played from the North hand, with South carefully unblocking with the 10-8-6. Now East is thrown in when North plays the deuce of diamonds (South has only the diamond three left). At this point East has only five small hearts remaining and must

lead that suit. Finally, when the heart is led, West's doubleton King—ten both drop and the North hand makes the balance of the tricks.

Last Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ K x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x x
♣ Q J x
The bidding:
Jacoby Maier You Schenken
1Δ Pass 2NT Pass
3Δ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three spades. This allows your partner to choose between three notrump and four spades. Even though your hand is completely balanced, you must bear in mind that if your partner bids a second suit, he is likely to have a singleton in either hearts or clubs and if the opponents attack that suit against notrump, they are very likely to be able to defeat the contract.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for three 1 trump, 40% for four spades (a jump to four spades at this point would be a mild Slam try—a bid which your hand does not warrant).

Question No. 55
Merwin D. Maier is your partner. You hold:

♠ —
♥ A K J 10
♦ A K J x x
♣ A K x x
The bidding:
You Burnstine Maier Schenken
1Δ Pass 2NT Pass
3Δ Pass 4Δ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"A Slight Cast of Murder". Damon Runyon takes filmlands' toughest "fighter" for the most hilarious ride of their chequered careers in the best burlesque on gangster films ever conceived by an ace humorist. With Edward G. Robinson, Jane Bryan, Allen Kenkins, Ruth Donnelly, John Littel, Edward Brophy, Harold Huber, Eric Stanley and that "Dead End" kid Bobby Jordan.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Last Gangster". Starring Edward G. Robinson in a dynamic new drama of a criminal's regeneration, returning to the type of role which first won him renown as one of the screen's greatest character stars. The cast includes Rose Stradner, Douglas Scot, James Stewart, Lionel Stander and John Carradine.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Pacific Liner" with Victor McLaglen, Wendie Barry, and Barry Fitzgerald. A striking cross-section of life on board an ocean steamer returning from the Orient is dramatically woven in this story wheel, reveals a unique contrast between the sophisticated passengers and the grimy,

hard-driven crew toiling in the gloomy depths of the ship's hold where an epidemic of a dread malady starts a reign of terror.

AT THE KING'S—"Marie Antoinette", with Norma Shearer, Tyrone Power, John Barrymore, Robert Morley, Anita Louise, and Joseph Schildkraut. The picture, that has been widely acclaimed. Nothing has been spared in the production and is in itself a lavish spectacular triumph.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Stella Dallas". Starring Barbara Stanwyck, this is the heart story of a vulgar, tawdry woman whom you will call magnificent. It is directed by King Vidor and includes in the cast John Boles, Anne Shirley, Alan Hale, Tim Holt and Al Shean.

AT THE STAR—"Youth Takes a Fling". The simple wistful, yet powerfully human love story of a Kansas farmboy who dreams of going to sea and the romantic salesgirl who falls in love with him. With Joel McCrea, Andrea Leeds, Frank Jenks, Dorothea Kent, Isabel Jeans and Virginia Gray.



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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March 1939, both days inclusive.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1939.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2506.	Wai of New Kowloon Inland New Road, Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	8,300	4,150
As per sale plan									



PUBLIC AUCTION

**PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS** of the Sale by Public Auc-
tion to be held on MONDAY,
the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3
p.m., at the Offices of the Public
Works Department, by Order of
His Excellency the Governor of one
Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon Tsai,
in the Colony of Hong Kong
for a term of 75 years, commencing
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1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2507.	Wai of New Kowloon Inland New Road, Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	14,500	7,250
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the Governor of one Lot of Crown
Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the
Colony of Hong Kong for a term of
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2506.	Junction of Un Chau Street and Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	8,670	5,200
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Auction to be held on MONDAY,
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His Excellency the Governor of one
Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui-po,
in the Colony of Hong Kong
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2507.	Shamshui-po, Shamshui-po.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	4,470	1,115
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British Forces In Cameroons May Be Strengthened

London, To-day.

"Yes, Sir," said the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. Vernon Bartlett (Independent) asked whether in view of the fact that German subjects in the mandate territory of the British Cameroons outnumber the British by three to one, he would consider the advisability of increasing the police forces there.

MARSHAL PETAIN TO SEE JORDANA

Burgos, To-day.

Marshal Petain, the French Ambassador to National Spain, will proceed from San Sebastian to Burgos this morning to visit Count Jordana, the Spanish Foreign Minister.

This visit, it is stated, is in accord with diplomatic usage. It is not known when he will present his Letters of Credence to General Franco. — Trans-Ocean.

U.S. PROTEST TO JAPAN

Chungking, To-day.

The United States Consulate-General has protested to the Japanese authorities regarding the confiscation of five copies of "World

The respective military strengths were one company of the Royal West African Frontier Force and a German catapult ship (used in the trans-Atlantic air service) stationed at Bathurst, Gambia.

Mr. Bartlett suggested that in view of the great strategic importance of Gambia, the British garrison should be reinforced.

Mr. Macdonald said the German personnel of the catapult ship, according to recent information, totalled 37, the shore staff seven and the stand-by aircraft crew, five. These were not military forces.

The Bathurst garrison consisted of three officers and 100 other ranks. The strength of the garrison was periodically reviewed like the other West African garrisons. — Reuter.

Propaganda" by Mr. Harold Lasswell and 16 pages from the March issue of the Asia Magazine from the article entitled "Birth of New China" by Lin Yutang. The copies belonged to the American owned Chinese-American Publishing Company. — Central News.

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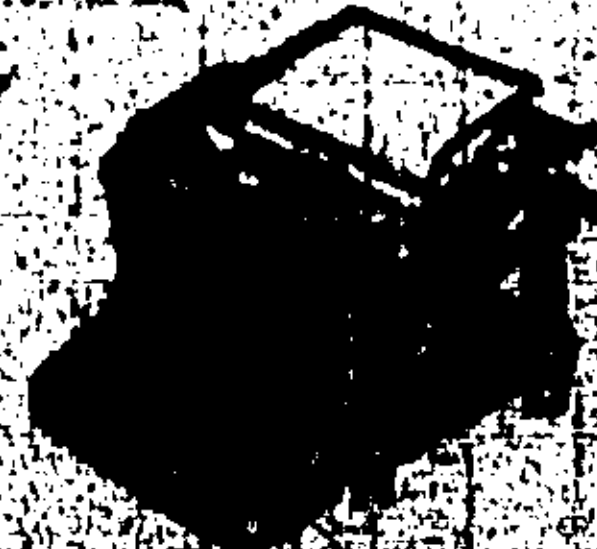
Washington, To-day.

M. Hurban, the Czech Minister, has revealed that he has received a second demand from the German Embassy to surrender the Czechoslovak Legation and Consulates.

M. Hurban replied rejecting the demand. — Reuter.

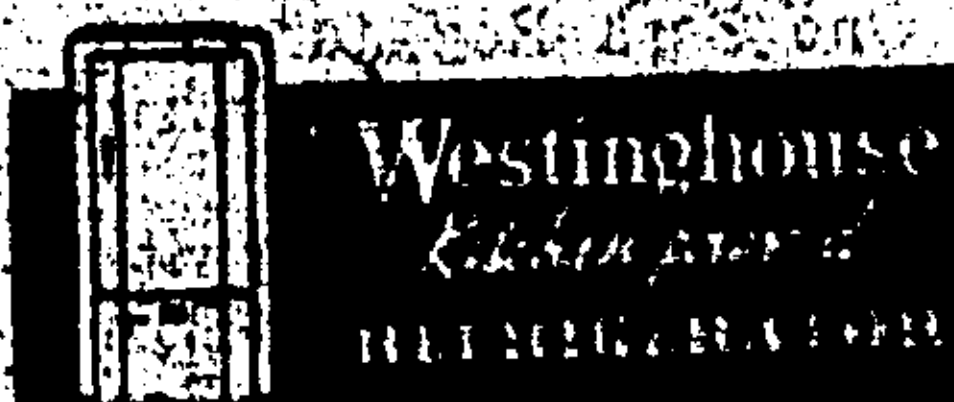
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